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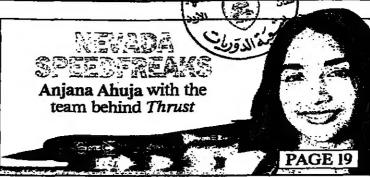
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**Beckett seeks** 

minimum wage

exemption for

young people

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government is consider-

ing exempting young people, possibly up to the age of 25, from the national minimum

In a move that will delight

business and alarm the

unions, ministers are insisting

that the full economic impact

of a minimum wage must be

taken into account when its

The Government's first indi-cation of how it will handle the

sensitive issue of the mini-

mum wage is set out in a letter

from Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, to

the chairman of the Low Pay

Mrs Beckett asks the com-

mission to recommend only

the "initial level at which the

national minimum wage

might be introduced". Union

leaders, suspicious of the de-

gree of government commit-

ment to a minimum wage, will

interpret this as a sign that it

may not be uprated once it

Mrs Beckett asks Professor

George Bain, the commis-

sion's chairman, to make rec-

ommendations on "lower

rates or exemptions" for

young people. This, she ex-

plains, could cover an age

range from 16 to as high as 25.

day, Mrs Beckett exhorts the

commission to "have regard to

implications" in making its

recommendations — a clear

In the letter, sent on Tues-

level is set.

Commission.

has been set.

- and especially small firms

- as well as the overall economic point of the "poten-

tial impact on the costs to industry and the Exchequer".

next month, the Government

will introduce legislation that

will require all employers to

pay their employees not less

than a figure which will be set

by ministers. The Govern-

ment will decide on the level of

a minimum wage based on the

recommendation of the com-

mission, with a minimum

wage likely to be in place some time in 1999. Companies which fail to comply with the

statutory minimum will face legal penalties, although those are as yet unspecified.

Trade union leaders and

low-pay pressure groups will

be given a fresh target on the

minimum wage today by new figures from the Government

national earnings. The

minimum wage target of half

male median earnings, now

£4.42 an hour, is likely to rise

under the new figures to about

comes as business issues its

starkest warning yet on the

impact of a minimum wage.

companies, with more than

The Government's move

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When Parliament returns

Saudi lawyer tells of nurses' shock

# Brother 'seeks \$1.2m blood money deal'

By Daniel McGrory and Michael Theodoulou

THE brother of an Australian nurse stabbed to death in Saudi Arabia wants \$1.2 million "blood money" to spare the life of the British woman accused of her murder, a Saudi lawyer said yesterday.

Salah al-Hejailan, who represents Deborah Parry and co-defendant Lucille McLauchlan, said that Frank Gilford had demanded that the two give \$500,000 (nearly £300.000) to a children's hospital and pay him the rest.

Mr al-Hejailan described the sum as extortionate, but said the two Britons - who worked with the victim, Yvonne Gilford — had agreed to the deal on Sunday. Both were said to be shocked by the scale of the demand and told lawyers that their families could not raise that amount of money. They nevertheless signed a hinding document, a copy of which is being held by the British High Commission-

er in Australia. Mr Gilford is forbidden from speaking about the case under the terms of an injunction issued by an Australian denied yesterday that he had waived the right to demand the death penalty. However, the Foreign Office confirmed that British diplomats in Australia had verified the document, although a spokesman added: "We cannot say what the financial terms are, as this is meant to be confidential."

Reports of Mr Gilford's secret deal came as British diplomats tried to discover whether Parry had been found

guilty of the killing last December. McLauchlan was on Tuesday reported to have been sentenced to 500 lashes and eight years in jail for being an accessory, prompting fears that Parry had been convicted of murder, which carries a mandatory death penalty. Mr al-Hejailan said that he did not expect the court to rule on

Parry until next month. Yesterday a British lawyer visited the two women in Damman Central Prison, where they were said to be devastated and sick with nerves, and the British Consul-General will see them on Sunday. In the meantime, the Foreign Secretary will discuss the case with his Saudi counterpart tomorrow - although diplomats have warned Brit-ain not to meddle and the Saudi Ambassador in London has accused critics of demean-

ing his country's courts.
On Tuesday, Robin Cook described the flogging sentence as "wholly unacceptable" and while the Ambassador, Dr Ghazi Algosaibi, made no comment on those propose to change any country's judicial system and we will not allow any country to change our system." He emphasised that no final verdict had been reached in the case, which was still in an early stage, and any comment was mere speculation. "I appeal for restraint and reason." he said. "Sensitivity rather than sensationalism should be

the order of the day." As he spoke. McLauchlan's parents were making urgent arrangements to fly from Dundee to Dharhan to see their daughter. Ann Mc-Lauchlan said: "We just want to be with her. She must be so frightened."

Jonathan Ashbee, Parry's brother-in-law, said that he had been making telephone calls all afternoon to find out what was going on. He added that discussions were being held with the Gilford family. but he did not know whether any agreement had been reached. Of the report that Mr Gilford was seeking \$1.2 mil-lion, he said: "Of course we cannot afford this sort of sum, but it it is true, we will move heaven and earth to raise the money if we have to. Anything rather than the other appallg option."

Mr al-Hejailan was scath-ing of Mr Gilford, a courier taxi driver from South Austra-lia, and said: "This should not become some sort of commercial deal, nor a banking transaction. This is a human tragedy. How can Mr Gilford rum an offer of goodwill to a money-making exercise for himself? His demand is outrageous and extortionate."

Of Laurel Gilford's claim that her husband was still considering his options, Mr al-Hejailan said: "Under Saudi law, once he agrees to talk about money, he cannot go back and then demand the death penalty."

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#### Boatswain, the product of 14 years of cross-breeding, with his owner Ken Mollett

#### Labour suspends True bulldog breed reborn By Lin Jenkins

The efforts of one man to

cross the breed and take it

back to its Victorian stature,

ridding it of modern traits

which cause skin disease,

respiratory problems and

lethargy, have not been greet-

ed with enthusiasm by regis-

tered breeders. They maintain

that the Victorian bear-bait-

ing dog, symbol of the empire,

is unsuitable for modern life.

The Kennel Club says people

want couch-potato dogs to go

establishment.

By Martin Fletcher, chief ireland correspondent

AFTER 16 months of procedural wrangling. Northern Ireland's political parties were last night close to the breakthrough required to launch full-scale peace negotiations.

The breakthrough became possible after the Ulster Unionist Party abandoned its long-standing demand for guaranteed IRA disarmament early in the negotiations to demonstrate republican good faith. David Trimble, the UUP leader, conceded after a day of

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intense wrangling that the agreed formula for moving into substantive negotiations was "not ideal", but insisted that decommissioning would not be "forgotten, sidelined or

buried". He moved swiftly to preempt inevitable charges of capitulation from rival Unionist parties that have boycotted the talks. "Why aren't they here arguing for decommissioning and keeping the pressure on for decommissioning? will not take criticism from people who have given up on

decommissioning. he said. Ken Maginnis, the UUP's security spokesman, said the party had to live in the real world. "We obviously wanted to see total disarmament before any paramilitary organisation was brought to the talks. That was not achieved Continued on page 2, col 5

Unionists give Scots councillors Nine Glasgow councillors at way over arms the centre of an alleged "trips-

for-votes" scandal were suspended by Labour's national executive in London pending the drawing-up of serious disciplinary charges. However, many of the most

prominent figures, including the Lord Provost of Glasgow. Pat Lally, said they would fight moves which one said had "put the verdict before the

#### Rules for letting children die

Guidelines for withdrawing medical treatment from children and allowing them to die were set out by the Royal College of Paediatrics and

Child Health. David Baum. President of the college, said: "We are forced to wrestle with dreadful choices. The list has been drawn up because medical advances make it possible to sustain life without restoring . Page 6 AN ATTEMPT to restore the and is impressed by the improvement. "I am trying to bulldog, emblem of all that is great about Britain, to its breed a dog which is unformer glory has been greeted mistakenly a bulldog to look with scorn by the canine at, but who can enjoy a walk," he said. He is disappointed

with the response from breeders, but not surprised. However, he dismissed the



idea that since he held up the

with their couch-potato lives. While bulldog breed clubs and the Kennel Club are united in recognising that the breed needs to iron out some inbreeding problems, they do not think that it should

return to its roots. Ken Mollett now has the fifth generation of his re-formed breed after 14 years

Victorian dog as an ideal, he was reviving aggressive characteristics. "It is paramount that they are trustworthy. That, and their health, comes before any aesthetic considerations. You have to go back to William IV to find the aggressive characteristics. Bear baiting was abolished in 1835, he said. His four children had

grown up with the dogs.
Brian Leonard, of the Kennel Club, said: "There is a degree to which we want couch-potato dogs for couchpotato owners. People want an entertaining character not

very interested in exercise."

Mr Mollett, 44, an engineering manager for a light-ing company from Pinner, Middlesex, has bred the bulldog with bull mastiffs and Staffordshire bull terriers.

Vera May, who had Best of Breed at Crufts four times in the 1960s, is one of the few breeders to back Mr Mollett. saying: "People need to get

# Take risks for the real prizes, says Ashdown



Any more noise and you"!! come down and watch the Lib Dem conference

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PADDY ASHDOWN told his party yesterday to step into the real world, drop outdated policies and reap the reward of closer co-operation with Labour.

The Liberal Democrat leader used his address to the conference at Eastbourne to hammer home his message that the party had to take the risks of working with Labour even if that meant policy compromises.

Because this is real politics, there will be real prizes to be won," he said. The more we agree, the greater the chance that reform will succeed. The more we disagree, the greater the likelihood it will

Echoing Tony Blair's efforts to

modernise the Labour Party, he added that said there was no room for "purists" in the Liberal Democrat Party and unless it modernised, it could sink without trace.

The Liberal Democrats should not fall into the traps of "complacency, selfsatisfaction, timidity or an excessive concern for our own purity," he said. "If, because of these, we fail to play our part in the changes which are now happening. then our successes on May I could just as easily be not a triumphant breakthrough, but a mere footnote of history."

Mr Ashdown had had enough of sitting on the sidelines; talking without being able to do anything. "So where shall we be as the game is played out? Sitting in the stands, safe from the flying boots, clear of the mud?," he asked, "No. I'll tell you where we will be. Not spectators on the sidelines. But on the field, in the game,

and right in the middle of the scrum. When the next election comes, I want us to show people that we really have made a difference, just as we promised."

In a bold address, which earned him an enthusiastic standing ovation. Mr Ashdown hinted that the party might have to compromise on its preferred method of proportional representation for Westminster. Delegates backed a motion supporting the single transferable vote the purest form of PR - but party sources signalled that they would eventually

have to accept a less radical system. But it was Mr Ashdown's warning about the need to drop the party's high tax Continued on page 2, col 5

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#### 2,500 firms giving their views, the British Chambers of Comsignal that the wage should merce say that a national minimum wage set at too high not be set too high. This is the first time that the a rate will lead to lost jobs and Government has specifically indicated that the commission higher inflation. The survey shows that with has a responsibility to consider the economic impact of its minimum set at E4.25, threerecommended level. In particfifths of companies will be ular it should take into acaffected. Fifty-eight per cent count the likely effect of a will respond by cutting jobs. minimum wage on employthe survey says, while 55 per ment, inflation, the competicent will increase the price of tiveness of business in Britain their goods and services. FROM THE SUPERPOWER **AMONGST** THRILLER WRITERS THE PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER New in hardback Available from all good book retailers

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#### **HOME NEWS**

# Ashdown the entertainer finally beats sleeping sickness

crats organise their conference so the real climax comes at the end. Thus the President speaks on Tuesday, the leader on Wednesday, and the big debate on euthanasia takes place on the final day, Thursday.

Paddy Ashdown spoke after lunch. It proved hard work. In The Entertainer, playwright John Osborne's main character, Archie Rice, treads the boards as an ageing musichall star, greasepaint running in the heat of the footlights as he works harder every season

for his laughs, his sighs and his applause. There is something game, and something poignant, in the struggle. It was a warm day in

Eastbourne. The conference hall ventilation had failed and the atmosphere was stifling. With a mediocre script, a string of bad jokes, pages of unmemorable prose and a single strong idea, Paddy Ashdown — that Archie Rice of 1990s British politics strutted the stage, doing his nut to rouse them. In the end he succeeded. But how odd that it needed such effort to

inspire a party which has just had its best election result for more than sixty years!

bled in the heart of British Liberalism. On the platform behind the Liberal Democrat leader sat a strange beast. Voters of Harrow East who failed to elect him this spring as their Tory MP may have been surprised to see Hugh Dykes grinning and clapping as Mr Ashdown declaimed a parody of the witches' scene in Macbeth: "Hubble, bubble, toil and trouble, The Tory

Party's reduced to rubble ...



Eye of Dorrell, toe of Clarke, From Michael Hezza - no more bark."

These were Mr Dykes's friends, once. "We welcome you!" called his new friend. Dykes acknowledged the applause with a shy thumbs-up. Ashdown began a paean of praise for Liberal Democracy. A lady in the balcony went to sleep, her head flopping back.

teenth century opera-goers. The problem lies in joblessness and unemployment." he explained. (joblessness and unenmloyment? Cripes!)" ... Start thinking of our economy, he urged, "... not as a Ashdown explained his plans for the National Audit Office. A bearded gentleman in the single, homogenous economy. stalls slumped forward, comatose. "Support the flowering of talent and creativity in Britain!" cried Ashdown. The

but as a two-tier economy." I saw the first delegate actually standing up. pass out and lurch against a wall. The Liberal Democrat leader him, suddenly glazed over, as in death. "Rickets re-appear-ing in our cities!" wailed Paddy. Two ladies at the front spoke of the horrors of what in his pronounciation sounded like "echo-vandalism". Is this the danger of old

fanned themselves like eigh-Ashdown ducks as previous commitments to Unilateral Disamarmament (1983). Communitarianism (1995), Free Markets (1990) and Equidistance (1992) bounce back, clattering among the archives.

But 1997 is the New Politics. He railed passionately at his party to be "realistic." cooperating where possible with Labour. Delegates were almost convinced.

I spotted one clapping and shaking his head simulta-neously. This caught the

speeches rebounding? Mr mood. They can't fault the argument, they love and respect Paddy, but ... The speech was buoyed by a fine, contemptuous attack on Tory government. But what, some of his audience will have wondered, will replace this in. next year's speech?

This year it worked. The hall gave him a heartfelt cheer. Mr Ashdown is secure in this Conference's -affections, his leadership unchallenged, his argument offered the benefit of a glazed stare, a sleepy nod, and a half-articu-

# New privacy code aims to eradicate press harassment

By CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

MEASURES to give extra protection to children and end harassment by photographers are expected to be in the revised Press Complaints Commission privacy code to be announced today.

Lord Wakeham, chairman of the PCC, promised the changes would be "dramatic" and said newspaper editors should endorse them with immediate effect. Editors and lay members at yesterday's PCC meeting were told of the proposals, but were not called endorse them officially.

That will considered at a meeting of the PCC's code of practice committee, chaired by Sir David English, although it is thought they will raise little objection. The changes are understood to extend the privacy rights of children into adulthood and make a more formal definition of harass-

The code's guidance on intrusion into grief is also expected to be tightened. It is expected to extend the definition of private places where people should not be photographed with telephoto lenses to include restaurants and churches in some circumstances and to tighten require-ments on papers to establish how and where pictures were

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taken. Lord Wakeham said: They will be, I think, a pretty dramatic package of improvements. I would expect editors to deal with them from tomorrow, from day one."

Lord Wakeham said he would also suggest curbs on the behaviour of television crews, although it did not fall within the responsibilities of

Sir David, Editor in Chief and chairman of Associated Newspapers, suggested that the editors would not automatically approve the changes but said they recognised change was needed. "We have our own proposals. I think it is an industry that is looking very seriously at the way that it has

conducted itself, and realises that there have to be changes." John Witherow, Editor of The Sunday Times and a PCC member, said: "He [Lord Wakeham] has some very good proposals which I think the industry will accept." But Mr Witherow added: "It is important that the public in-

ing is exposed." The proposals have to be endorsed by professional bodies such as the Newspaper Society before they can be formally adopted into the code of practice in a few weeks'

☐ Broadcasting watchdogs have just completed consultation on their own draft privacy code, which was drawn up in July. Stephen Whittle, director of the Broadcasting Stan-dards Commission, said: "We hope we will set a clear standard of conduct.

The code covers accuracy, infringement of privacy, the use of hidden microphones and cameras, doorstepping, interviewing children, people suffering or in distress and care in revisiting traumatic past events:

The new draft establishes an "overriding public interest" test which must be fulfilled before broadcasters can justify an infringement of privacy.

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eyes of Paul Tyler MP. behind

Dr Mowlam walked out after Ken Magininis claimed she wanted the talks to fail

# Trimble opens way

because of our Government. We have to live with that." The eight parties and the British and Irish Governments were meeting in a full plenary session at Stormont

last night.
Provided the precise wording could be agreed in time, they were expected to approve a procedural motion allowing the negotiations to begin on Monday.

That motion was expected to record the UUP's view that decommissioning during the negotiations should be a requirement, but essentially passing the matter to an international body chaired by John de Chastelain, a Canadian general favoured by the Unionists.

The motion was also expected to state unequivocally that consent should be the guiding principle throughout the negotiations. That would prevent the multiparty negotiations reaching any decisions with-

to full peace talks tiations will consist of three strands, one charged with achieving an internal settlement in Northern Ireland. another dealing with North-South relations, and the third

> The two Governments were also set to reject the UUPs demand for Sinn Fein's expulsion after the IRA's recent disavowal of the Mitchell principles of democracy and non-

The UUP will remain in the peace process, but is expected to attend plenary sessions with Sinn Fein only when that is in its best interests.

Mostly it will engage in bilateral negotiations with the governments and parties other than Sinn Fein.

William Thompson, the West Tyrone MP, signalled the divisions within the UUP by threatening to leave the party if it engaged in direct

#### MP defies bombs

BOMB disposal experts yes-terday defused a letter bomb sent ot Robert McCartney. leader of the UK Unionist Party. It was the second he received within weeks. Mr McCartney said last night that he refused to be silenced by terrorists and that they would make him even more

McCartney at his party office in Bangor. Co Down. Staff carried it outside the building before calling the security forces. In July a similar device was sent to Mr McCartney at his office in the Northern Ireland Forum in central Belfast. No organisation has admitted being behind either

with relations between London and Dublin.

would require the approval of a majority of Northern Ire-

> missioning issue would not derail the peace negotiations.

However, Unionists have come to believe that she has in other ways impeded progress.

#### Mowlam quits talks with irate **Unionists**

CHIEF IRELAND

MO MOWLAM, the Northern Ireland Secretary, walked out of a meeting with Ulster Unionist Party leaders on Tuesday night in another vivid illustration of the fraught relationship between these two key participants in the peace process.

Dr Mowlam left her office in the Stormont conference centre after Ken Maginnis, the Fermanagh MP. claimed that she wanted the process to fail so she and the Irish Government could stitch together a shoddy deal on Northern Ireland's future. The Unionists were accusing the Government of watering down its own words on the need for IRA disarmament in a procedural motion required to start full-scale peace negotiations.

Dr Mowlam was already unhappy, having had had to afternoon while Mr Maginnis accused her of knowingly inviting IRA "godfathers" to the negotiating table. This had diminished democracy, sacrificed the freedom of the people of Northern Ireland to the terrorist and elevated an evil Maña to a status that would shame any other country in

Western Europe," he claimed. Shortly after walking out Or Mowlam telephoned David Trimble, the UUP leader, and reconvened the meeting. Apologies were exchanged. Government officials strove to play down the altercation yesterday, calling it "a matter of no great consequence", but this

Last month Mr Trimble, a notoriously irascible man. had a furious row with Dr Mowlam, herself renowned for speaking bluntly, in an anteroom at Number 10 Downing Street. The row spilled over into a meeting with the Prime Minister, and was triggered by a Belfast Telegraph interview in which Dr Mowlam had appeared to water down the sacrosance principle of consent, whereby any constitutional change

land's people. In July Unionists berated Dr Mowlam after she admitted that Government contacts with Sinn Fein had continued - for the purpose of "clarification" - despite the ban imposed after the IRA shot two policemen in Lurgan one month earlier. Those contacts an assurance that the decom-

In May they were outraged when Dr Mowlam told the BBC that the settlement train would "leave without the Unionists" if they boycotted the talks because of Sinn Fein's presence. In one sense Or Mowlam's outspokenness, and her willingness to risk Unionist anger by addressing Sinn Fein's concerns, have paid handsome dividends. She has succeeded in bringing Unionists, loyalist, nationalists and republicans together under the same roof for the first time in Northern Ireland's 76-year-history.

### diligent. The incendiary-type Take risks, urges Ashdown

and spend policy that formed the bravest part of his speech. He has already angered activists with suggestions that the party should drop its policy of adding a penny to income tax to boost education. And over the past three days activists have been attacking Labour's failure to spend more on education and the health service - a stance derided as "oppositionitis" by the ministers Peter Mandelson and Alistair Darling. But yesterday Mr Ashdown argued: "We must not allow our defence of decent public services to tempt

us into becoming the fossilised defenders of yesterday's state sector. Nor must we become the party which, whatever the Government spends, simply says it will spend more; or whatever the Government cuts, simply promises to re-

store them." The Liberal Democrats would continue its campaign of "constructive opposition" and he urged Tony Blair to give more money to hospitals this winter. But he added: "Sometimes it is easier to shout than to talk: to trade insults than to shake hands: to confront than to converse. If

we are to make a new start in Britain we must tread the more difficult path. If the Prime Minister is serious - as believe he is - about changing the culture of our politics, I will work with him

But Mr Ashdown immediately came under attack from William Hague, the Tory leader, who accused him of muting criticisms of the Government to smoothe the relationship between the two parties. "Paddy Ashdown's idea of 'constructive opposition is to sell his soul to the Labour Party at

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Rail crash inquiry examines safety rules

Safety experts investigating the Southall rail crash have begun an inquiry into how operators are interpreting reg-ulations governing the safety equipment which failed. They will examine the wording of rules and introduce any necessary changes before the public inquiry opens into the accident which killed six people and seriously injured

Trains on which the automatic warning system has failed are currently still allowed in service. The system, which alerts the driver if a danger signal is passed, was not working on the high-speed InterCity train.

#### Jail condemned

Conditions at Barlinnie, Scotland's largest prison, which is running at 51 per cent over capacity, have been labelled a national disgrace by Clive Fairweather, the Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland. He said overcrowding per-vaded almost every part of the prison. Mr Fairweather also said that the number of deaths in custody, noted as 15 since the last inspection was held five years ago, was "unacceptably high".

#### Clearer claiming

Benefit claimants will no onger have to do battle with Department of Social Security gobbledegook, contained in incomprehensible letters churned out by computer, Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary said yester day. Speaking to the annual Association of Citizen's Advice Bureaux, Ms Harman said that the way benefits were administered needed radical reform.

#### Dealers jailed

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A leading member of a £50 million West African heroin and cocaine ring was jailed for 26 years at Woolwich Crown Court yesterday. Olatun Bostun Olaku, 34, from Peckham, south London, was the British organiser for a gang involved in worldwide drug smuggling. His right-hand man Adebowale Shotonwa, 24, from Bermondsey, south London, was also convicted and jailed for 16

#### Swimmer injured



Britain's number one 200 metre breaststroke swimmer has broken his back in an accident at a training camp on Lanzarote. Andrew Ayres. 21. who is reported to have a fear of confined spaces, fell 20 feet from a window after he became trapped in a toilet. A nurse has flown out to accom-pany him home to Swansea. The Welsh 100m and 200m record-holder was hoping for success in the 1998 Commonwealth Games.

#### Race-crime study

Race crimes are being ignored or underplayed by police and the courts despite calls for change, according to research by the Crown Prosecution Service published yesterday. The study shows that police are still failing to identify many cases where race is a motive. The research was based on 1,345 reports of cases between April 1996 and March this year where racial motives were thought to be

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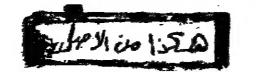
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# Top gynaecologist played God with me, says patient

Stephen Farrell reports on the case of a surgeon who removed a woman's ovaries without consent

A LEADING Harley Street gynaecologist was yesterday accused of "playing God" after he admitted removing a 35woman's ovaries

without her consent. Jacqueline Bartley claimed that John Studd, a leading champion of hormone replacement therapy for post-meno-pausal women, failed to tell her what he had done even after the operation, leaving her to find out from an insurance bill three weeks later.

Mr Studd, 57, a consultant at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital in London and known to colleagues as the "HRT King", faces being struck off if found guilty of serious professional misconduct. He has lectured at interconferences on national hormone replacement and owned a car with the licence number HRT I.

Mrs Bartley, now 40, told the General Medical Council's professional conduct committee that she was horrified that her menopause was triggered 15 years early after the private operation on July 23, 1992, at the Lister Hospital in London.

"I felt my whole person had been taken over, that I was just a piece of meat and that's the way I had been treated. This man did not care anything about how I felt. I was just another patient. I didn't matter. I was just somebody in the operating theatre. I felt 6cm high. Luckily I have such a supportive family.

Mr Studd paid Mrs Bartley E32.500 and substantial legal costs in an out-of-court settlement two years ago after she issued a writ seeking damages for assault and battery. The controversy arose after Mrs Bartley, a primary school teacher from Nunhead, South London, agreed to an hysterectomy during corrective surgery to the womb and bladder.

Mr Studd admits removing her ovaries and fallopian tubes during the operation and inserting hormone replacement implants without her consent. However, he

claimed to have done so because he found signs of endometriosis, a condition in which the lining of the womb is found in other organs. He also insists he that told her

immediately afterwards.
Mrs Barrley said she had
initially found Mr Studd a competent and attentive doctor. He had sat on her bed after the operation discussing the Olympic Games. She was adamant, however, that he had never told her what he had done and said she had only found out when she

Jacqueline Bartley: felt

like "a piece of meat"

detailing extra surgical and

drug charges.
She said: "I thought it was a

either a mistake in my bill, or

somebody else's bill. I then

realised that he had taken my

ovaries away. I was very, very

a chauffeur, confronted Mr.

Studd in his Harley Street

consulting rooms on August

15, 1992, but allegedly found him concerned only with de-

fending his surgical skills. "I asked him, 'Do I have ova-

ries?" He said, 'No, of course,

you know you don't.' My

reaction to that was, 'Yes, but

"He tapped out on his

fingers all the things that he

said he had supposedly done

you didn't tell me so.'

She and her husband, Mike,

distressed.

received the bill on August 5 Rosalind Foster, counsel for Mrs Bartley, said the case struck to the "very heart" of patient choice and trust, adding that that Mr Studd was no stranger to controversy. The committee was told

didn't suffer.

drugs to treat it.

that, in a letter to the GMC. the surgeon's lawyers pointed out he could never have sustained the pretence that he had removed only her womb, and never tried to. They insisted: He does not play God, but endeavours always to put the best interests of his patients

your heavy periods,' from which I have never suffered.

He said, 'I have cured your

severe PMT, from which I

found endometriosis and I

asked him why he didn't use

She claimed Mr Studd of-

fered to pay the cost of the

operation, but she refused,

taking civil action and bring-

ing him to the General Medi-

cal Council, because "I wanted

"He told me that he had

The hearing was told that Mr Studd believed the surgery was necessary in his clinical judgment because it had reduced the chances of endome triosis recurring, and had cured her of heavy period pains and severe PMT, of which he insisted she had complained. In a note he wrote: "I have no doubts she had the right operations."

Miss Foster, however, insisted there was no urgent need for him to have removed the organs immediately without consulting Mrs Bartley or her husband. She said: "There is simply no medical or surgi-cal justification for Mr Studd to impose his views, no doubt strongly and genuinely felt, upon Mrs Bartley." A Lister Hospital staff nurse

later told the hearing Mr Studd was a caring and professional surgeon who "at all times has the interests of the patients at heart". The hearing continues.



John Studd and his wife, Margaret, arriving yesterday for the General Medical Council hearing and, below, his consulting rooms in Harley Street



### PC's sex bias victory leaves force in the doghouse

A POLICEMAN's dream of becoming a dog handler was shattered because he was sexually discriminated against in a physical fitness test, a tribunal ruled

Police Constable David Allcock, 37, completed an assault course 14 seconds within the limit set for women officers but 46 seconds outside that set for a In a claim against the

Chief Constable of the Hampshire force, PC Allcock argued that the extra one minute allowed for women was unfair. That meant he missed out on a possible job because of his sex, he told the tribunal. The tribunal was told that

PC Allcock, who is based at Totton near Southampton, Hants, joined the force 17 years ago and applied for a job as a handler in January.

The fitness test was held at the force's training HQ in Netley and involved a twomile run, an obstacle course and dragging a 500kg roller. On February 24 this year nine men, including PC Allcock, and a woman took

PC Allcock, who is 6ft 2in tall, said: "I did the course in 16 minutes and 46 seconds and was informed I had failed the test. If I had been a female officer who had completed the course in that time would have been informed that I passed the test and would have been given an interview for the job.

"I maintain that the test should be equal for everyone, that there should be one standard," He added: "The test should be whether you are fit to be a dog handler rather than a male dog Under cross-examination,

PC Allcock accepted that since 1985 he had applied for a position of dog handler "seven or eight times", all unsuccessfully. For Hampshire Constabulary, Inspector Nicholas Cunningham, nal at a date to be fixed.

who is in charge of the force's dog handling section. said the current test was first introduced in 1993.

He confirmed that currently the force had 29 male dog handlers and just one woman. The 16-minute time limit for men had been set after the average of 20 fit officers taking the course was clocked, Mr Cunning-

John Ord, the force's physical training officer, told the tribunal: "Female officers are allowed 17 minutes, the reason being that the tests because of their physiologi-



Allcock: took his case to industrial tribunal

cal differences. Since I have been with Hampshire police. in all tests that have been conducted females have a different amount of time for the running part."

He accepted police recruitment tests were currently under review but said he did not know if that meant the time differences between men and women would be removed.

After finding for PC Allcock, the panel adjourned the hearing to allow him and Hampshire police to discuss how they could remedy the situation. If the parties cannot come to an agreement. they will return to the tribu-

#### 'Wizards' guilty of £240,000 con trick

By A STAFF REPORTER

A COUPLE who used money from property and benefit fraud to fund expensive American trips to qualify as "wiz-ards" with a religious sect

were jailed yesterday.
William Kelly, 56, and his mistress Janice Willie, 60, amassed more than £200,000 from mortgage fraud and a further £43,000 from bogus income support claims.

The couple, from Horra-bridge, Devon, visited Florida four times to study the Avatar system, which professed to offer a "natural path to self-evolvement and self-responsibility. They returned as qualified "Master Wizards of Avatar". having spent more than £30,000.

They planned to preach a similar "gospel" in England, advertising as Vibrant Health, but were arrested after returning to Britain.

At Southwark Crown Court yesterday the Recorder William Boyce jailed Kelly for 15 months and Willie for six months. The couple were convicted on one count of conspir-acy to defraud and nine of acy to defraud and nine of furnishing false information.

# Drug smugglers caught in Customs sting are jailed

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

A GANG of drug smugglers who handed over a £10 million pound cargo of cannabis to undercover Customs officers have been jailed for between eight and 14 years.

During the case an informer claimed the plot was inspired by one of the ringleaders in the E26 million Brinks-Mat gold bullion robbery. Michael McAvoy, who is serving 25 years for the bullion raid, was said to have contacted one of the organisers from Long Lartin prison.

Exeter Crown Court was told that Customs officers tipped off by the informer mounted a sting operation to seize a cargo of cannabis en route from Holland. About four tonnes of cannabis resin was transferred from the yacht Fata Morgana to a tug crewed by four undercover Customs men. They had been waiting 30 days for the rendezfood and water.

The operation almost fourdered when the 56-ton tug sank in 13,000 feet of water in four undercover Customs men spent several hours in a life raft before being picked up by German-registered contain-

They then took part in a second "sting" which ended in the arrest of a shore party waiting in Falmouth to collect the drug cargo. With the original cargo lost. Customs delivered cannabis from past Yesterday Judge Sean Overend sentenced David

Huck, 51. to 14 years imprisonment for captaining the Fata Morgana. Huck has been under suspicion by Customs as a top smuggler for 18 years. Michael Allsop. 32, of Hayes, West London, and Norman Hitchins, 34, from Harlingham, West London, were sentenced to 12 years each. Leslie Jay, 37, of Cardiff. who was in charge of the shore party, got ten years. Paul Davis. 45, and Raymond Gilholm. 46, both from Bristol, were each given nine years as organisers. David Bannister, 43, and his brother Michael. 39, both from Hull, were given eight years.

#### Boys of 10 youngest in court on rape charge

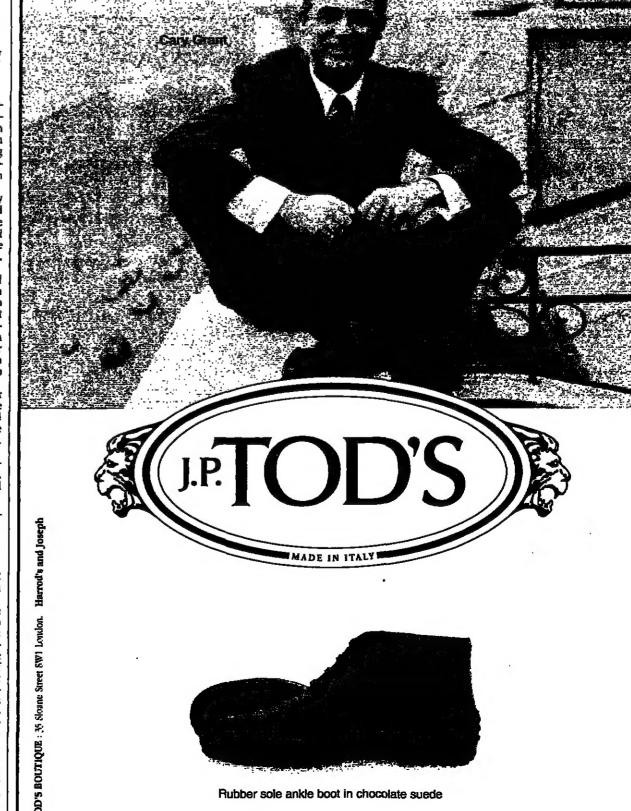
BY ADRIAN LEE

TWO ten-year-old boys yesterday became the youngest defendants to appear in a British court on rape charges when they were accused of attacking a nine-year-old girl in a lavatory block at their school in

West London. Another ten-year-old boy and an 11-year-old are accused of indecently assaulting the girl during the same alleged incident, on May 6, at the inner-city primary school. which cannot be named.

The case was transferred from West London Youth Court, in Hammersmith, to the Old Bailey, at the request of the Crown Prosecution Ser-vice. The four boys, who sat in line, were given bail until their appearance at the Crown Court, on a date to be fixed. No oleas were taken. Relatives of the boys sat

behind them and, as they were asked to give their names and ages. One of the four had to be helped with his date of birth. Their legal aid was extended. A fifth boy escaped prosecution because he is aged nine, below the age of criminal responsibility.



# ITV rains on Auntie's perfect day

MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC faced a wave of protest from its commercial rivals last night over a new promotion in which stars ranging from Elton John to the opera singer Lesley Gar-rett sing their endorsement of the corporation.
Advertisers and commer

cial organisations said the four-minute video, in which stars each sing a line from Lou Reed's song Perfect Day. amounted to a campaign which gave the BBC an unfair advantage over its rivals. They plan to report the BBC to Chris Smith. the Culture

The BBC said the nurpose of the video, estimated to have



Lou Reed, left, and Elton John sing on Perfect Day

until next month, was to show how it catered for everyone's musical tastes. All 29 artists charged a nominal £250 to appear. The promotion has cost £2 million and being are plans to launch it as



screened on BBCl and BBC2 a charity CD for Christmas. Rival organisations said that, to book the same airtime. at 5pm on a Saturday, would have cost £124.000 on ITV and £50.837 on Channel 4. but been so successful that there they were not allowed to advertise on the BBC. They

were also angry that the BBC planned to screen the video in cinemas nationwide. Paul Brown, chief executive

of the Commercial Radio Companies Association, said: The BBC automatically enjoys, because of its public funding and the nature of what they do, a significant cross-promotional advan-tage." He said the video was clearly an advertising campaign because it was made for cinema and would be shown to cinema audiences for a fee.

An executive for the ITV network said: "It is a stunning piece of work, but we are not sure whether it is an appropriate way to spend licencepayers' money.

Lou Reed said he was delighted with the BBC's ver-

# Field follows friendly road to welfare reform

FRIENDLY societies and other mutual organisations, founded in the 18th and 19th centuries to provide insurance-based welfare for the working classes, are to play a key part in the Government's shake-up of the welfare state.

Frank Field, the Minister for Welfare Reform, said yesterday that he was talking to mutual groups, including building societies, about how they could play a substantial role in welfare provision from pensions and long-term care to unemployment benefits and help for the sick and disabled.

Because they were nonprofitmaking and not answerable to City shareholders, mutual societies were accountable chiefly to their members and embodied the principles of self-help that the new Labour government was keen to promulgate, he said. Their role could be in providing taxefficient insurance funds to cover sickness, unemployment, retirement or long-term care.

In his first major public address since the election, Mr Field, who is spearheading the government reform of social security with a mandate to "think the unthinkable", said there were still more than ten

Minister is talking to mutual societies about role, writes Alexandra Frean

million members of friendly let government take the societies in Britain. "These money and spend it as

societies in Britain. "These organisations are membership bodies based on the ideas of self-help, work, savings and honesty. It is around precisely these principles that the Government wishes to reform welfare — and mutual societies will have a more significant role to play in the future than they have had in the immediate past." he said. Mr Field said that taxpayers were no longer prepared simply to

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Frank Field: backing principles of self-help

let government take their money and spend it as it thought fit. They they were equally suspicious of big City institutions.

"Are they wise to put their faith in companies which have a track record of mis-selling pensions, as do many of our larger financial institutions? It is at this point that mutual societies are provided with a window of opportunity," he told a seminar in London sponsored by the insurance company Consolidated Financial Insurance.

Friendly societies and other mutual bodies played a major part in the provision of welfare services up to 1945. At the beginning of this century there were millions of members across the social spectrum.

When the first steps were

When the first steps were taken towards national insurance in 1911, friendly societies and mutual institutions both delivered the system on behalf of the Government and supplemented standard benefit levels for those who subscribed to them.

Mr Field added that he

YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT.

would also like to see the creation of new community-based welfare organisations to help the disadvantaged, particularly for retired people who might otherwise become isolated from the rest of

He is pressing for new structures of welfare so that the link between poverty in a working life and isolated retirement can be broken. "Retirement should never be an entry gate to exclusion," he said. "New structures can offer new hope."

They key to welfare reform, Mr Field said, was to break out of the "welfare equals State" mentality and to make people take more responsibility.

"The Government's version

of welfare for the new millennium cannot be a one-way street and those who benefit from taxpayers' money have a responsibility to help themselves," he added.

"A new partnership can only work if both sides pull their weight. We are pledged

their weight. We are pledged to break the destructive mould of welfare in which Government's only responsibility is to cash it."

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Arkwright's Georgian Stanley Mills in Perthshire will be converted into 30 flats and six terraced houses

# Prince helps to save vanishing history

By MARCUS BINNEY

THE Prince of Wales will tomorrow launch a project to save some of Britain's largest and grandest historic buildings from decay.

The first project of the new Phoenix Trust will be the restoration of Stanley Mills in Perthshire. These imposing

Georgian buildings stand on the River Day and are among the most romantically situated of the great textile mills built during the Industrial

Two four and five storey buildings will be converted into 30 flats or maisonettes and six four-storey terrace houses, most with views over

closed in 1989, both buildings were threatened with demolition. They have their origin in a dispute over patents which led the great Sir Richard Arkwright, father of the modern factory system, "to seek a razor in Scotland to shave Manchester". The original Bell Mill built by Arkwright is

being restored by Historic Scotland and will be open to the public.

The director of the new trust is Kit Martin, who over the past 20 years has rescued ten country houses from decay, including Burley-on-the-Hill in Rutland, bought from the receivers of Asil Nadir, Gunton Hall in Norfolk, abandoned after a sale of the contents, and The Hazells in Bedfordshire, which the for-

mer Foreign Secretary Lord

Pym was seeking to demolish. The chairman of the trust is David Taylor, former chief executive of English Partnerships and a pioneer of private and public sector involvement in urban regeneration. The Prince will act as president.

The trust is negotiating to acquire historic buildings all over Britain. Among them is Crom Castle in Northern Ireland, which stands in 2,000 acres belonging to the National Trust. The estate is laide out around a chain of lakes with walled gardens. The trust is hoping to convert the house into homes with minimal alterations.

Writing in this month's Perspectives, the Prince says: "Personally. I am not prepared to sit back and see this great legacy needlessly squandered."

# Latest lottery fund 'threatens other projects'

By Peter Foster

THE heads of four bodies that distribute lottery cash yesterday warned the Government over its plans to introduce a sixth good cause to support initiatives in health, education and the environment.

The lottery chiefs — including Earl Gowrie, the Arts Council chairman, and David Sieff, chairman of the National Lottery Charities Board — expressed concern that the proposals would cause excessive bureaucracy and reduce the amount of cash available for existing lottery projects.

Their remarks came at a conference where Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, outlined his plans to set up the New Opportunities Fund using El billion of lottery cash. The fund, detailed in a White Paper published earlier this year, will be used to create after-school clubs, healthy living centres and to train teachers in computing and information technology.

The group including Derek Casey, chief executive of the English Sports Council, and

Lord Rothschild, chairman of the Heritage Lottery Fund, also gave a warning that lottery money must not replace core government funding in health and education.

Mr Sieff, the former executive director of Marks & Spencer, said that there was a danger the New Opportunities Fund would be expensive to

set up and duplicate the work of his charities board. Urging the Government "not to reinvent the wheel", he said his board was distributing grants to many organisations to betargeted by the new fund.

Lord Gowrie: fears Arts

Mr Casey, chief executive of the English Sports Council, said investment programmes planned by the council might have to be put on hold.

Lord Gowrie, chairman of the Arts Council of England, admitted he had "very serious worries" that it would be left with less money. The council had committed vast sums to capital projects including the controversial Royal Opera House grant.

House grant.

Mr Smith reassured delegates that the new El billion fund had been made possible by the unforseen success of the National Lottery. "But the five current distributors, over the course of the franchise period, will still each received the El.8 billion share they were originally promised," he said.

# Blunkett gets lesson in business school

By John O'Leary, Education editor

AN ATTEMPT by ministers to persuade companies to put more money into education backfired yesterday when a top businessman urged the Government to use more of its own money to help schools to

raise standards.

David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, held a breakfast meeting with senior figures from business and industry as part of an effort to revive corporate sponsorship of education. He announced a £1 million network of homework and afterschool centres funded partly by the NatWest Bank, National Power and BT.

Mr Blunkett promised twice-yearly education summits with business leaders, and pointed to future opportunities for co-operation.

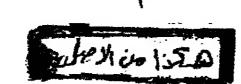
"Business has a vital role in helping us to raise standards. We must work together to ensure that our young people are better motivated and therefore more employable."

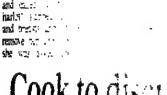
However, there was a sting in the tail of the businessmen's contribution. John Baker, Chairman of National Power, said the Government should be spending more on education, and offered business support for it to be given a greater share of public expenditure.

Mr Baker said: "At a time when we have fewer good graduates entering teaching and shortages of experienced head teachers, I see no alternative to the Government facing up to the need to adequately fund schools and the teaching profession."

Yesterday's initiative will establish pilot projects for the homework centres and after-school clubs to be funded from National Lottery money.







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# Doubts that taint Saudi police case

Defence lawyers say the murder case against two British nurses would not stand up to scrutiny in a Western court. reports Daniel McGrory

SAUDI investigators were certain that they had Yvonne Gilford's killers standing be-fore them in the interrogation room at Dhahran police sta-tion. They claimed to have caught Deborah Parry and Lucille McLauchlan using their murdered colleague's bank card.

What happened in the next 32 hours, however, has tainted the police case. Officers say obtained signed confessions from the women that Miss Gilford was involved in a lesbian relationship with them. They also hinted at revealing the Australian staff nurse's money-lending operation, with which she was said to have extorted large payments and sex from young

Parry and McLauchlan's version of events at the police station is different to that of their interrogators. They say that they were sexually abused, beaten and threatened to make them sign bogus confessions.

Senior Saudi officials have admitted the police were so confident of the veracity of the confessions that they did not scrupulously examine the forensic evidence.

The accused were arrested at the Arab National Bank on December 18, a week after Miss Gilford was killed, and were taken to Dhahran police

McLauchian, 3i, from Dundee, claims that her handbag was taken from her on her arrest and that in the police station it was returned with Miss Gilford's bank card in it.

She said she was shouted at and called "a thief and a harlot", slapped on the face and breasts and ordered to remove her dress. She said



The nurses's lawyers, Peter Watson, centre, and Rodger Pannone, right, are ready to present details of inconsistencies in the investigation

Gilford while police touched her intimately, and one officer said he was going to rape her.

Only after she signed a confession was she allowed to sit down and dress herself. In her statement to her lawyers she said: "After 32 hours without sleep. I am willing to do or write anything to stop the physical, psychological and sexual abuse."

Parry, 38, from Alton, Hampshire, claims to have suffered the same mistreatment. "I was told I had killed Yvonne because we were having a lesbian relationship. I was sobbing with fear as I had not killed anyone and she was my friend," she told lawyers.

Parry said that several policemen stroked her body and a cigarette was held close to Parry claims that, after hours of abuse, McLauchlan

Yvonne in the neck, back and

No substantiating evidence of Miss Gilford's sexuality and her money-lending activities was produced in court. Defence lawyers want to know why police did not reopen the files on a Filipina nurse stabbed in the medical complex a year before, whose



Frank Gilford, brother

murderer has never been found. They also want to know what the police investigation discovered from security

> Guards operated their own money-lending scheme and defence lawyers said they told Miss Gilford not to jeopardise their lucrative sideline. Five security guards were

guards at the complex.

arrested before the two nurses. All were sacked. One disappeared and two, believed to have been on duty the night Miss Gilford died, were later found badly beaten. One is thought to be related to a member of the team who obtained the confessions.

Defence lawyers are ready to present what they say are the glaring inconsistencies in the inquiry. Private investigators say medical experts who have examined the autopsy reports on Miss Gilford believe that the fatal knife blow was too powerful to have The autopsy showed that the kitchen knife was plunged into her back, went through her ribcage and pierced her heart.

Although Miss Gilford was stabbed 13 times and bludgeoned with a number of ornaments in her apartment, no fingerprints, bloodstains or any other forensic evidence was discovered to incriminate the Britons.

Detectives found blonde hair gripped in Miss Gilford's hand after the struggle to fight off her attacker. Neither of the accused has blonde hair. Nor have police explained the man's gold bracelet found on Miss Gilford's bedroom floor. Not once during the trial did

the Islamic judges study the evidence, the lawyers say. "All they looked at were the two confessions, which had been retracted. Never once did they examine how flimsy and circumstantial the evidence is," a

A lawyer for Parry and

McLauchlan told The Times vesterday that they and Miss Gilford were told they could not leave the hospital complex without a supervisor knowing where they were going, and

that they were often followed. Yet the Saudi police allege that on four occasions the accused used Miss Gilford's stolen bank card to draw money from a cash machine. Would they try this if they knew they were being fol-lowed? And why wait for them to use the card four times

before arresting them?" One legal source said "the police were so confident the that confessions were enough that they got sloppy in their investigation.

Their work would not stand up to scrutiny in a British or Western court but the Saudi judges did not examine the evidentiary material, just the confessions.

defiantly denounced her jailers and conducts her meetings with her family in impenetrable Dundee dialect. She has also kept a diary.

Their poor diet also means both women have lost a great deal of hair. They wash by pouring a basin of water on themselves over open sewers. The lavatories are said to be choked with soiled nappies as many of the women there have

#### Wealthy lawyer is key player in trial

By a staff reporter

IN THE nine months since the two British nurses were arrested for murdering their Australian colleague, only a handful of men have known the precise details of the case against them and the efforts to spare them from Saudi Arabia's medieval punishments.

The key figure is Salah al-Hejailan, the flamboyant and wealthy head of a leading Riyadh firm. He is one of the best-known lawyers in the country who sees himself as a constructive critic of its justice

His eponymous law firm has defended the nurses free of charge and paid for their families to visit them on several occasions. "We've spent hundreds and hundreds of hours on this case," said one of his employees.

His critics say he hopes the benefit will be that when Western corporations find themselves in conflict in Saudi Arabia they will hire his firm. He is well-connected in Saudi society; one of his brothers is the country's ambassador to Australia and is thought to have been a key figure in negotiations with Frank Gilford, the brother of the murder victim.

Now in his mid-50s, Mr Hejailan trained in America and Egypt and has practised as a lawyer for 35 years. He is the legal counsel in Riyadh afor the British Embassy among others, and his firm is associated with prominent law firms in several countries. He has helped defend Britons in Saudi Arabia for more than two decades.

"I have settled small debts, provided legal service to them, looked after them in many ways and I have a special fund in my law firm for this sort of goodwill work," he said in a recent interview. "I am particularly interested in cases that can have an impression on the legal system." He believes the nurses' high profile murder case has highlighted the "clash of civilisations" between Saudi Arabia and the West but says it could help reform the Saudi legal system. Allowing the nurses to have lawyers present in court has already broken the mould which he hopes will be the pattern for the future.

Mr Hejailan has spent much of the nurses' trial flying all over the world, with visits to the South of France. London, Virginia and Alaska, all the time directing their defence from a high-technology mobile office manned by at least one secretary travel-



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# Cook to discuss sentence Plea to use nursing skills

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

was pushed into the room and

500 lashes imposed by a Saudi court on one of the two

nurses will be carried out. In discussions with Prince Saud al-Faisal, the Saudi Foreign Minister, Mr Cook will underline the abhorrence such a sentence has aroused 3 Britain. But he will make clear that the Government fully recognises the authority of the court and sharia law, and is hoping that judicial review of the case may lead to mitigation. He will emphasise orah Parry.

The Government has repeatedly emphasised that the appeals procedure still had a long way to go, probably as a result of urgent Foreign Office advice that tough talk denouncing the Saudis or implying that their justice system was flawed would harden opinion in Riyadh.

On coming to office, Labour made much of the moral dimension of foreign policy and implied that it would take

ROBIN COOK will hold to Prince Saud the fierce a tougher line towards governments that it considered with Saudi officials to let them more whether the sentence of orders the beheading of Deb-Cook's initial comment that the sentence on Lucille McLauchlan was "wholly unacceptable in the modern world" has been described by many Arabists as a blunt judgment that may anger the

> the Islamic courts. However, Mr Cook knows that the case can be resolved only by quiet diplomacy, and that Britain is powerless to do anything except appeal for

Saudi authorities, especially

Damman central prison in an attempt to get out of their overcrowded cell.

Arnid fears that both

women cannot survive a possible further two-year legal wrangle, Lucille McLauchlan's brother, John, said yesterday that both women had weakened considerably over the last few weeks. He said that a British doctor who was allowed to examine the women last month said that they are now extremely frail and are prone to potentially help for depression after in-

fatal infections if they continue mates told how she woke in cockroach-infested cell in temperatures of more than 45C. Their only hope now, they

believe, is to sell their skills to the Saudi authorities. Both women have already used their nursing expertise to tend to the ten other women and their children in their shared cell, but face rejection now. Both are said to have lost weight and to suffer constant

diarrhoea and stomach cramps, while Deborah Parry has been given psychiatric

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

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# Five new rules on letting sick children die

FIVE situations in which doctors should consider withdrawing medical treatment from children and allowing them to die were set out by

a panel of experts yesterday.

The guidelines say the decision is warranted where the child is brain dead or in a permanent vegetative state; where care delays death without easing suffering: where the child survives so physically or mentally impaired that it is unreasonable to expect it to suffer further, or where the illness is so progressive and irreversible that further treat-

ment is intolerable. The recommendations have been Doctors have been given ethical guidance on a terrible decision, writes Ian Murray

produced by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, whose president, David Baum, said: We are forced to wrestle with dreadful choices. The list has been drawn up because modern medical advances make it possible to sustain life without restoring health."

The new guidelines say that agreement between parents and doctors about withdrawing treatment should be unanimous and the child should also be involved if old enough. "Children take great care of their paediatricians and nurses," said Dr Baum. They know when to give a nod and wink if they are

ready to go."
Neil McIntosh, Professor of Child Health at Edinburgh University and chairman of the college's ethics advisory committee which produced the report, said: "Children usually come to the decision even before we approach them."

If parents want healthcare to continue even though their child is in one of the five categories, the

college says the health team should go to court for legal backing to withdraw it. "If the healthcare continues in these circumstances it can become an assault," Dr "Doctors must always allow McIntosh said. "The court can hear

from both sides and reach an independent decision. The parents do not have an absolute veto. Every paediatrician has to make decisions about whether to withhold treatment every year. By drawing

expert evidence and assessments

we are trying to do is put these decision in context and come up with a common procedure that is

children and parents the right to disagree and these difficult decisions should never be hurried." The list was drawn up following a

House of Lords select committee finding in 1994 that withdrawal of medical treatment might in future not be rare. Parents and patient severely handicapped youngsters, lawyers and religious groups were all consulted during the two-year deliberations.

Some of the guidelines were immediately condemned by antiabortion and anti-euthanasia groups. Jack Scarisbrick, national chair of the charity Life, said: "Some of these proposals are quite acceptable. There always comes a point when it is not only right to withhold treatment but it would be wrong to persist. However, there does appear to be a sinister side to this document - it appears to be promoting cuthanasia under the guise of old medical ethics."

#### Mother 'killed' by wasp is revived six times

By A STAFF REPORTER

WOMAN whose heart stopped six times in 15 minutes: after she was stung in the throat by a wasp was saved by a teacher and two passers-by who gave her mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and heart

massage. Monica Stewart, 31, was stung as she collected her two children from Ferguslie Primary School in Paisley, Renfrewshire. Each time her heart stopped, Jim Ellis, the school's assistant head, and Ina Jordan and Katrina Piggot, who were also collecting their children, managed to restart it. Ms Jordan said: "I only knew what to do because I've just started a first aid class."

Ms Stewart had just collected her daughters. Christine, II, and Natalie, 9, when a wasp began buzzing around her. She said: "I ran away from the children and the wasp went for my face. It must have gone into my mouth because I felt a nip in my throat and then coughed something up. And that's all I remember.

Ms Jordan said she and Mrs Piggot were waiting for their children when they saw Mr Ellis running over to Ms Stewart, who was uncon-scious. "He gave her mouthto-mouth rescuscitation and we started to give her heart massage," Ms Jordan said One moment Monica was breathing, the next she had stopped breathing. Each time I felt her pulse there was no beat. Again and again we were successful in getting her heart restarted.

"It was a real fight to keep her alive, but it's a joy to see her recovering. What an or-deal for her and for her children, who saw everything that was going on."

Ms Stewart was taken to the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley and given an injection and tablets to ease the swelling in her throat. She said: "I've always hated wasps and bees and insects like that, but after what happened to me I never want to see a wasp again. They scare me stiff. When I feel better I plan to say a big thank you to the three people who saved my life."

# **Funeral firms** face 'cash for corpses' claim

FUNERAL directors complained yesterday that unscrucompetitors were offering "cash for corpses" at old people's homes.

Staff at homes had been offered money to place dead people in shrouds bearing the corporate logo of funeral companies, the Society of Allied and Independent Funeral Di-

Nursing homes had also been offered contributions to residents' funds if they registered deaths with a particular funeral company, thus virtually ensuring those firms future business, according to Tony Warburton, an executive committee member of the society.

The society blames the decline in undertaking stan-dards on the growth of large commercial conglomerates, and has urged the Government to take action. Mr War-burton said inappropriate. aggressive marketing tactics" were threatening professional standards across the country.

Mr Warburton, director of the East Riding Crematorium at Octon, Yorkshire, and a partner in the Hull funeral directors John Parkin and Sons, said bigger businesses had tried to buy him out, but he had refused, preferring to adhere to "British traditions".

He said that the whole funeral profession would be brought into disrepute if the Government did not take action. He wanted funeral companies to be forced to disclose their ownership, and claimed that more than 750 trading under family names were in fact owned by multinational

Andrew Harvey, national president of the society, said: The society has new evidence of inappropriate sales tactics being employed to influence the recently bereaved, pen-sioners and nursing home staff in order to secure instructions for funeral arrangements and sales of prepaid funeral plans.

Throughout those involved within the funeral profession have served bereaved families with the highest degree of professional and ethical integrity. We have a vital duty to stand up for the traditional values of our profession. These values are now in danger of being eroded by unacceptable commercial practices.'

The society, which represents more than 500 independent funeral directors, is coordinating a Campaign for Fair Funeral Practices, and is appealing for people who felt they were subjected to highpressure sales tactics to make

Spokesmen for large funeral companies said yesterday that all undertakers tried to offer sympathetic support to old people's homes in their area. They denied improper behaviour, and said that all staff were required to adhere to codes of conduct.



The Right Rev David Sheppard and his wife, Grace, yesterday. He reiterated that poverty was a spiritual issue that ought to concern the dergy

# Bishop bows out with appeal on jobless

BY RUSSEUL JENKINS

IN HIS farewell sermon last night, the Bishop of Liverpool delivered an mpassioned plea to politicians and churchmen to fight the corrosive effects of mass joblessness. He also defended his belief that poverty is a spiritual issue.

The Right Rev David Sheppard, 68, bowed out at an emotional ecumenical service in Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral after 22 years as bishop to the Merseyside diocese. He used the

Government and senior ranks of the Church of England to adopt radical solutions to mass unemployment.

He told the congregation that he where someone had asked him: "You know these powerful people. Why don't you tell them how things are?"

Bishop Sheppard said: "Well, I have tried to. Not always guested in.

tried to. Not always successfully perhaps. The biggest regret I have is this: when we came in 1975 there was mass unemployment in many parts of

the diocese. As I leave in 1997 there is still mass unemployment or dead-end jobs in those same areas. I pray the churches will run and run with the Report on Unemployment and the Future of Work. The report reminds us of the old belief that God has a calling for everyone — a calling to work, a responsibility to make their particular contribution — and that is why the report produces the bracing and costly call for 'enough good work for everyone' and shows how it is possible." The ecumenical churches'

report was published early this year. Bishop Sheppard said that some people still wondered whether poverty was a spiritual issue and the rightful concern of the clergy. He quoted from a letter written to him by a parish vicar about a man who got a job after four years of unemployment only to find that his ability to keep that post had crumbled. Bishop Sheppard added that unemployment attacked "the very heart of somebody's humanity; it taps at their dignity. Can we say that it is not a spiritual issue?"

# Driver in fatal crash had worked 16 hours

By Simon de Bruxelles

A LORRY driver who left a trail of carnage when the arm of a mechanical digger swung out in front of oncoming cars had worked for 16 hours and driven 500 miles, a court was

told yesterday.

Mark Wade had no training or proper supervision and made a series of fatal errors before the crash, which left five motorists dead after the digger bucket sliced through

their cars at head height. The roofs of the cars were peeled back by the bucket and four drivers and one backseat assenger were killed instantly. Those on the passenger side were only injured in the accident at Castle-an-Dinas, near Newquay. Cornwall, in December 1995.

Truro Crown Court was told that the 31-year old driver had failed to secure the arm of the digger on his lowloader either with a pin provided specially for the purpose, or a chain available as a back-up. The

iury was told that tiredness may have caused him to load the digger incorrectly, so that the arm was not lying flat against the bed of the lorry and could swing out when its hydraulic system failed.

A driver who saw the arm swing out as Mr Wade took a left-hand bend tried in vain to warn him by flashing his lights, but the Volvo transporter carried on and hit four cars. The court was told how the accident happened in the dark

on an unlit country road and the victims did not have time to take avoiding action before the heavy metal bucket struck. Mr Wade, 31, of St Columb Major, near Newquay, denies five counts of causing death by dangerous driving. Each charge refers to a victim of the tragedy. They were Gwynneth Moore, 31, an amateur runner, and Kristy Green, 19, a beautician, both from Bodmin; William Barratt, 54, an

agricultural contractor, Lewis

Mark Trebilcock, 28, a farmer. and Hilary Cocks, 43, a chef, all from Newquay.

Bazeley Plant Hire, of St Major, and Chepstow Plant Hire both deny charges of conducting an undertaking in a way which exposed others to danger. Charles Barton, QC, for the

prosecution, said that, al-though Mr Wade was nominally self-employed, Bazeley and its parent company, Chepstow, bore a share of the blame because of the hours he worked and his lack of training. Mr Wade had started work at 2.30am, 16 hours before the crash. By the time of the crash he had driven for nearly 12 hours.

Mr Barton added: "The oncoming drivers only saw the lowloader's dipped headlights and had no idea that an enormous object was coming towards them at a height of

The trial continues.



Five people were killed by the digger, above. Wade allegedly failed to secure its arm export on security grounds.

#### Self-destruct disc aims to thwart video pirates

BY NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY

VIDEO disc that selfdestructs, rather like the instructions in Mission Impossible, has been developed by researchers. The sys-tem could stop the pirating of tapes from rented videos.

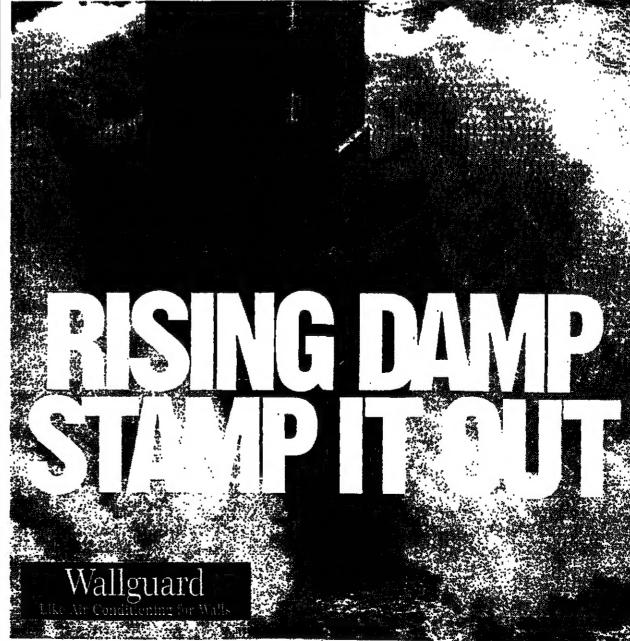
The video disc has a computer chip that gives it a 24-hour life. The technology is based on digital video discs, the film versions of compact

The Digital Video Express (Divx) consortium, based in Virginia, is pushing the idea of developing the discs for the video rental market. It has convinced Hollywood studios, including Disney, Paramount and Steven Spielberg's Dreamworks, to sign up to the \$150 million project, according to a report in New Scientist.

The key to the development is a encryption system that scrambles the film on the disc.

It is then unscrambled by a special player developed by Divx. An internal clock runs when the disc is played and disables it after 24 hours. The consortium claims that the discs will cost about only £3.

Not all consumer and entertainment electronics companies support the project, including Warner Home Video. There is also concern that the encryption system is of such a high standard that the US Government will ban its



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#### Eight-mile putt puts records to flight he said. The ball rolled along the carpet, of the Ryder Cup." Tony Jacklin, the past bags of duty-free goods and seat legs in a perfect line. The longest recorded

THE American golfer Brad Faxon has entered the record books with a putt that travelled 812 miles in 23 seconds. He sent the ball rolling 120ft down the passenger cabin of Concorde as it flew at 1.330 miles an hour on a flight taking the US Ryder Cup team from New York to Malaga.

The challenge was set up by Captain Jock Lowe, a member of the Concorde Golfing Society. "The idea is to putt as slowly as possible, giving Concorde time to fly as many miles as possible before the ball comes to rest at the back of the plane,"

putt anywhere is 140ft, by Bob Cook at St Andrews in October 1976.

Faxon, 36, borrowed a hickory-shafted antique club to achieve his feat on the second attempt. He is renowned as one of the game's best putters, although at the last Ryder Cup he missed a six-footer to

hand victory to his singles opponent. Captain Lowe, an 18-handicapper, said yesterday: "It was a formidable achievement, and from the European perspective it does not augur too well for the defence

former European team captain, was among the first to take the challenge. While British Airways may have unwit-tingly given the Americans a psychologi-cal advantage for the Ryder Cup, the Europeans can always claim that the achievement was altitude-assisted.

Faxon's putt was not the only record broken on the flight. Concorde completed the journey to Málaga in 3 hours 25 minutes, the fastest passenger flight from New York to southern Spain.

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# St Paul's finds modern creed is beyond belief

RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

CLERGY and worshippers at St Paul's Cathedral are puzzled why an unauthorised, "politically correct" version of the creed, the universal statement of Christian belief, has been inserted into services without their knowledge or

Surprised churchgoers at Ham Holy Communion found themselves saying the new creed, in which the word 'men" was omitted and the description of Christ's concep-

tion altered. The Dean, Dr John Moses, admitted yesterday that an error had been made and said that the creed, last used on Sunday, would appear in services no more. "It appears that, on this occasion, we have made a small mistake," he

Canon Stephen Oliver, the precentor in charge of liturgy at St Paul's and a member of the General Synod's liturgical the creed to discern any problems before it is debated again in the synod in NovemWe believe in one God, the Pather, the almighty.

For us men and for our by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary. and was made man...

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

ber, Although the Dean was aware of his plans, St Paul's Chanter was not consulted The issue was debated by the chapter yesterday, when the canons agreed that it had been a "valuable experiment".

Canon Oliver said: "We learnt valuable lessons from it. There are actually bigger issues around at the moment than this." Canon Michael Saward said: "We don't want to cause any trouble and we will go back to Rite A from the Alternative Service Book. The

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty

For us and for our salvation to us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man...

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets

to be the best thing for us to do. It was an entirely amicable

One worshipper, who asked not to be named, said he was surprised that an unauthorised change was made to a particularly sensitive feature of the liturgy in a cathedral regarded as the flagship of the Church of England. It is a politically correct creed," he prised to see it there."

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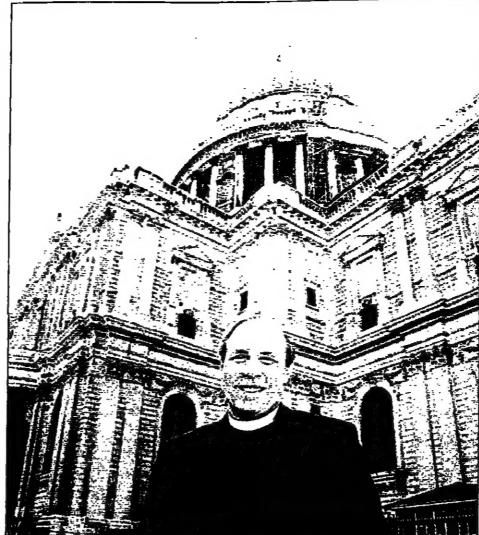
version of the Nicene Creed, issued by the Council of Constantinople in 381. The new version is being examined by the General Synod of the Church of England for inclusion in a service book that will succeed the much-derided 1980 Alternative Service Book at the millennium.

The word "men" is omitted from the line "for us men and for our salvation". Christ is said to become incarnate "of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, instead of by the power of the Holy Spirit "of the Virgin Mary".

In the Church of England,

any change to the liturgy must, under the law of the land, be thoroughly approved by church members through their elected General Synod before it can be used.

One of the catheral's clergy said: "It is more of a confusion than a punch-up. Some of us are concerned to know what is going on. One or two members of the congregation have raised questions about it with me. They came up after the service and asked whether there wasn't something funny



John Moses, the Dean of St Paul's: "It appears that we have made a small mistake"

#### Monks may return to their prior address

By OUR RELIGION

A ROMAN Catholic order is being invited to return to one of its medieval priories for the first time since it was expelled by Henry VIII 460 years ago. After a 35-year restoration project, Gloucester council officials have said that the 13th-century Blackfriars priory in the heart of the city could now be reoccupied by Dominican monks.

Bob Duncan, the chairman of the leisure committee, said: "The plan is to move the Dominican archive and the seven monks tending it - who are currently in Edinburgh to a purpose-built addition to Blackfriars monastery

"It will be marvellous to have monks in the city again. In medieval times, Gloucester churches and a population of only 3,000. We would like to explain this history to tourists and visitors by using the Blackfriars buildings."

The council has put in a bid for ES million from Lottery funds to build a an exhibition centre and a new Dominican library at the site, which after the dissolution became a private house, then a glove factory and a bottling works.

Ramraiders stole day pigeon shooting equipment worth nearly £7,000 from the Queen's Sandringham estate. They used a pick-up truck to

#### Refugee jailed

Haroon Matovu, 40. a Ugan-dan refugee living in London; drove into a cyclist and then mounted the kerb and killed a 62-year-old woman as he tried to flee. An Old Bailey judge jailed him for five years and

#### River rescue

Marion Watson, 77, was rescued from a car she had just bought as it sank in the River Yare at Reedham, Norfolk. She had mistakenly pressed the accelerator of the automat-

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#### Charitable tale

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Stowaway survivor to be deported A stowaway who leapt from a porthole on a cargo vessel and

Holm, an island in the Bristol Channel, is to be sent back to the Dominican Republic, immigration officials have said The man, named only as Alexander, jumped into the Bristol Channel with his halfbrother after being discovered by the ship's crew. The other man is not thought to have

**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

#### Flights dropped

survived for four hours in the

British Airways is to drop its Glasgow to New York and Boston service after losing E7 million in three years. It: blamed delays in linking with American Airlines, which would have provided thousands of transfer travellers.

#### Royal estate raid

smash through 6ft-high, pad-locked, steel gates into a shooting school

recommended deportation.

ic car after pulling into a riverside car park.

mas Tree, a story featuring Thomas the Tank Engine written by the parents of Jack Fenwick, 2, who died of meningitis, is published today price El in aid of the National Meningitis Trust.

#### Neolithic find

years ago by two Britons on holiday in Corfu has been Elbe in Germany. Paul Jennings, 17, of Canterbury, and his sister, Claire, 19, threw the bottle from a pedalo.



#### Graduate ran phone fraud on Internet

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A COMPUTER studies graduate faces prison after he helped to set up a multimillion-pound Internet telephone fraud from his bedroom.

Omar Flatekval, 23, who has just been awarded his degree, "hacked" into the computers of the American Telegraph and Telephone Company, stole details of telephone charge cards held by customers and sold them on the Internet

The scam is estimated to have cost subscribers with the international communications giant up to £10 million for calls they did not make over three years. It also cost AT&T \$17 million (£10.8 million) to put the problem right. Police found 61,500 calling cards logged on Flatekval's computer system and estimate that he made up to £50,000. Users posted cash in padded envelopes.

On Monday the graduate of Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne, admitted conspiracy to defraud when he ap-peared at Newcastle Crown Court. The hearing was adjourned to ascertain how important he was in the conspiracy.

Outside court. Flatekval. of Crambington, Northumberland, said: "I regret what happened but I don't consider myself a criminal. I haven't hurt anyone and I haven't affected the

# National maths targets too low, says Woodhead

tables must try

harder, reports

John O'Leary

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Abandoned literacy

scheme endorsed

By Our Education Editor

lieved the Government's tar-

ive. However, an evaluation

by academics at London Uni-

versity's Institute of Education

suggested that Reading Recov-

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provision for slow readers and

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The scheme involves half-

hour individual teaching over

about 20 weeks. Trials showed

that children from homes with

few books who could not read

at all by the age of six were in

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Phonological training was

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Reading Recovery for children

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tions of children in mathematics may be too low, Chris Woodhead, Chief Inspector of Schools, said yesterday as he disclosed wide variations in standards.

A report launched by Mr Woodhead found too little attention being given to men-tal arithmetic and learning tables. In one school, only one seven-year-old per class could write down a two-digit number expressed in words, while in another almost all could.

The Office for Standards in Education said in its report that Britain's poor showing in international comparisons suggested that even schools scoring close to the national average must have low standards. Mr Woodhead said primary schools had to aim above the present national targets if sufficient improvement were to be made.

He urged the Government's

new qualifications agency to keep the standard of national tests under review. "If we are not expecting enough in the tests, then clearly we are not stretching children enough and aren't going to make up

A REMEDIAL reading sys-

tern introduced by the Conser-

vatives but abandoned within

three years was praised by

government advisers yester-

day as highly effective for children who had not begun to

read by the age of six.

The Reading Recovery

scheme was imported from New Zealand in 1992. But

government funding was end-

ed in 1995, leaving 32 local authorities to find the money

for individual teaching for six-

year-olds who struggle to read

Critics claimed that the

scheme was too expensive and

teaching reading by sounding

out letters) was equally effect-

ful in yesterday's report. These included whole-class teaching, rather than the "debilitating" over-use of individual work Even primary schools doing which often required children well in league to "plough through" a succe vssion of worksheets.

The prospect of more diffi-cult tests was greeted with alarm by teachers organisations. David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "To keep changing the ground rules for national tests competitors." England and would only undermine the Scotland were in the bottom Government's standards drive third of the 42 countries taking and make it look foolish. We should stick to the 75 per cent target, which is challenging part in the latest international survey of mathematics. The results of this year's enough in itself, and then look

national tests in mathematics. gain when we have met it." Yesterday's report focused on the teaching of seven and English and science, to be published today, are expected to show modest improvement. II-year-olds in Knowsley, and But performance in primary Freenwich and Newham in schools will be far adrift of the London. More than 160 les Government's target for mathsons were observed by the local education authorities' own inspectors and those from ematics of 75 per cent reaching the expected level for an 11year-old by 2002. Only 55 per Ofsted, and children were set specially commissioned tests. Mr Woodhead said he be-The report said the results

indicated progress since 1995, when nearly two-thirds of the get could be met with ease if schools surveyed were below the national average. All three authorities were in the bottom 20 for mathematics in last year's primary league tables.

The inspectors acknowledged that fluency in English might be a factor in pupils' poor mathematics because it could hamper understanding of questions, but Mr Woodhead said schools could

'not use pupils' backgrounds as an excuse for failure. Only one lesson in ten was judged demanding for a sev-en-year-old, with a third of lessons limiting the range of numbers used to 20. Some schools did not expect pupils

to learn tables because arith-

metic could be checked by

calculator, but teaching in the use of calculators was poor. Where expectations were too low, that often reflected the limits of teachers' own knowledge, the report said.

Stephen Byers, the School Standards Minister, described the existing targets as "challenging" and said that changes to teacher training should help to meet them.



Terry Marsh and his fiancée, Gill Scally, arriving at court yesterday for the verdict

# **Ex-boxer Terry Marsh** cleared of grant fraud

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

er National Diploma course

The prosecution accused him of deliberately failing to

mention, when applying for

the grant, that he already had

a degree in politics and gov-erament at the same univer-

sity, for which he was funded

by Essex County Council. He was therefore not entitled to

The former IBF light-wel-

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TERRY MARSH, the former world boxing champion, was cleared yesterday of a fraud charge which has already cost him his chance of a political career. It was the second time in seven years he had walked free from a court, having been acquitted at the Old Bailey in 1990 of the attempted murder of Frank Warren, his former

This time a jury at South-wark Crown Court in South London took only 15 minutes to clear him of falsifying a student grant application after a two-day trial.

Mr Marsh, 39, resigned in April as Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate for his home town of Basildon,

his fiancée. Gill Scally, after Essex, after he was charged. The prosecution related to his the verdict, walked across to receiving more than £9,400 in the jury of seven women and maintenance grant and tu-ition fees in 1995 from the five men and invited them for a celebratory drink. London Borough of Tower Outside the court Mr Hamlets for a two-year High-

Marsh - a former firefighter who was dubbed "the Fighting Fireman" - said: "I am not relieved, because I have always been quietly confi-dent." He added that he was disappointed with Tower Hamlets education department's investigation into the affair. "If they had contacted me, as opposed to contacting a newspaper, then a simple investigation could have been put, and then it would not have been necessary to go as terweight champion kissed

Girls may be taught to check for breast cancer

BY PAUL WILKINSON

GIRLS as young as 13 could be getting lessons in how to examine themselves for breast cancer in the first scheme of its

kind in the country.

Education and public health officials in west Yorkshire are considering a pilot scheme for schools in the Kirklees area as part of a wider policy of improving the population's

Education service officers at Kirkless council and represen-tatives of local health trusts are to canvass the opinion of secondary school head teachers, and hope to have the trial

in place by next summer. Gavin Tonkin, the council's head of strategy and school support, said: The council has a strong line on a healthy environment and population and this was seen as a possible contributor to that it was a result of people talking about health initiatives and was an idea which emerged from discussions between the education service and local health

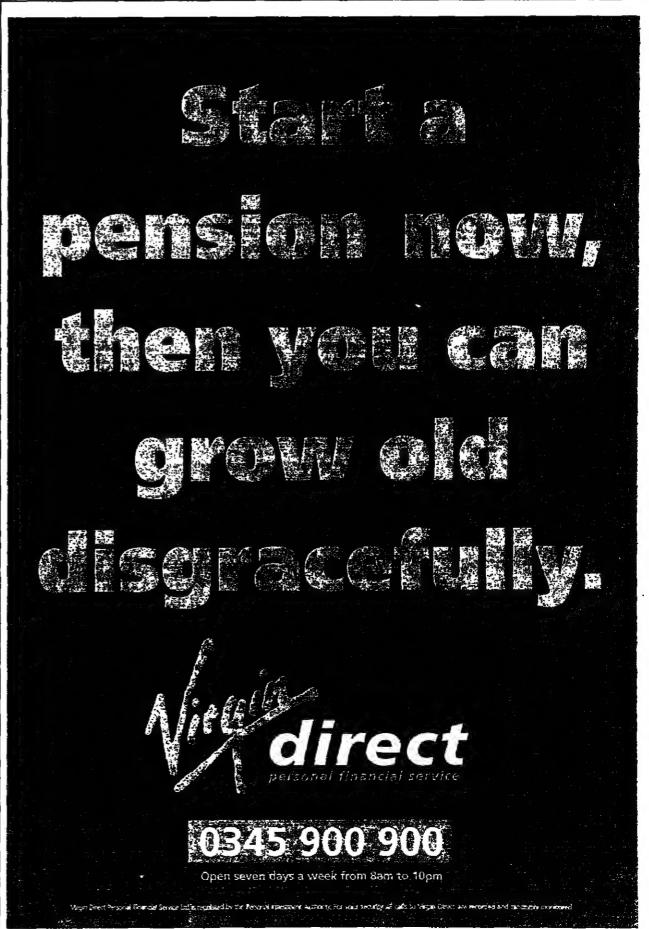
"It was deemed a sensible idea to take forward." He said the council was not aware of any similar schemes in Britain.

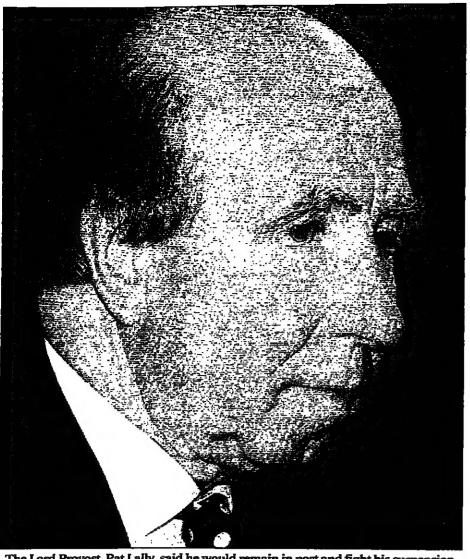
"The next stage is to talk to secondary heads to see if schools will take it on as a pilot scheme and see what the advantages and pitfalls are. It has to be handled very sensitively. We are not going to be forcing any schools to take part ideally, we need a couple of schools to act as volunteers and talk with parents and governors about it."

He envisaged that a health education official would give classroom advice on how pupils should examine themselves. Initially the scheme would involve older girls of 15 or 16 or sixth formers, but it would aim gradually to increase the number of girls receiving the tuition, including those of 13 or 14.

Mr Tonkin added: "There is a lot of discussion to take place but there is a lot of interest on all sides. It would be part of health education in schools. We already have extensive drugs awareness prog-







The Lord Provost, Pat Lally, said he would remain in post and fight his suspension

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# Blair faces legal battle over Scottish 'sleaze' suspensions

TONY BLAIR was facing the prospect last night of a prolonged legal confrontation with some of Labour's leading Scottish councillors as party leaders acted after an investigation into sleaze claims.

Nine Glasgow councillors at the centre of an alleged "tripsfor-votes" scandal were suspended by Labour's national executive in London pending the drawing-up of serious disciplinary charges. But many of the most prominent figures, including the Lord Provost of Glasgow, Pat Lally, said they would fight moves which one said had "put the verdict before the trial".

Alex Mosson, the Deputy Lord Provost, served a writ at the Court of Session in Edinburgh and intends to call the

Two Glasgow councillors in alleged trips-for-votes scandal will defy leadership, writes Philip Webster

Defence Secretary, George Robertson, and the Secretary of the Labour Party in Scotland, Jack McConnell, to give

Mr Lally said he would remain in his position as the council's figurehead. There is no reason why I should not continue as Lord Provost and I certainly intend to continue." Mr Lally said he would use whatever machinery was open to him to fight his suspension.
"I will also be further consulting with my solicitor in order to ensure that we obtain full

disclosure of the allegations

and the names of the persons

making the allegations because clearly all of the information that was dealt with by the inquiry committee created the climate that led to today's suspensions. I do not think it's a terribly just way of dealing with things."

Mr Lally claimed that there were no financial irregularities, improprieties or misuse of funds" in his office, which had been run in a similar fashion to that of his predecessors. After detailed charges have been drawn up by Labour's general secretary. Tom Sawyer, they will go before Labour's 11-member

national constitutional committee. It will give those charged the opportunity to present their version and consider what disciplinary action

The allegations centre on the threatening of officials, failure to observe rules on the declaration of interests and the improper use of council funds for trips. Jean McFadden, a long-time rival of Mr Lally, has been appointed interim leader of Glasgow City

After a meeting of the Labour group, among whom there was said to be "consternation".

she said she was glad that the report had finally been published. "We have had seven months of uncertainty which has not been good for the city." she said. The remaining councillors had the stamina and morale to run the city.

Mr Sawyer said "tough action" had been taken. "We said at the outset that this would be a thorough, fair and far-reaching report which

Bob Gould, the Labour leader, who was also suspended. said: "I am deeply hurt by the findings against me, especially after 40 years of unblemished service in the Labour Party." Mr Mosson said: "I see this finishing when I get justice: and an apology."

#### THE SUSPENDED COUNCILLORS

Councillor since 1966. Has been embroiled in controversy for most of his political life. Is Lord-Lieutenant, the Queen's representative in the city.

BOB GOULD: leader of

the council. Criticised for failing to discipline errant councillors. The "whistle-blower" on alleged corruption.

HEATHER RITCHIE: seen as an old-style Labour campaigner. Has denied allegations of involvement in an incident said to have taken piace at a resource centre.

☐ JIM MUTTER: accused of making unnecessary trips abroad while the council's parks and recreation convener, and to have indulged in factionalism against Mr

□JIM SHARKEY: leftwinger involved in slanging match during a public meet-ing, which led to police being

☐ DEIRDRE GAUGHAN: gave fellow councillors a faked Scottish Office paper that argued the case to retain schools. which she said she did not realise was a forgery. Escaped. disciplinary action. Had owed £4,000 in rent on council

☐ ELAINE SMITH: regarded as conscientious and hardworking. The claims against her related to alleged verbal abuse of council officials.

☐ ALEX MOSSON: Deputy Lord Provost, alleged to have junkets with Mr Lally.

GORDON MacDIAR-MID: deputy leader of the council, responsible for clamping down on foreign trips.

# Salmond calls for PR in local polls

By Shirley English and Nicholas Watt

ALEX SALMOND, the leader said: "Back in 1995, Labour of the Scottish Nationalist said they were dealing with Party, ended his political the aftermath of Monkdands truce with Labour yesterday when he seized on allegations of sleaze in Glasgow to demand proportional representation in local government.

Speaking on the opening day of his party's annual conference, Mr Salmond declared that PR would end Labour's stranglehold on councils throughout Scotland. Mr Salmond pledged that he would "vigorously oppose" Labour in an attack less than two weeks after the SNP joined forces with Labour and the Liberal Democrats in the referendum for a Scottish

parliament. Mr Salmond told delegates at Rothesay in Argyll and Bute that it was inconceivable that Labour was unaware of the problems in Glasgow. He

by requiring every councillor in Scotland to sign a code of conduct. Presumably every councillor in Glasgow signed that. Obviously, they could not have been too aware of

what they were signing The SNP leader said that proportional representation could place political decisions in the public arena by creat ing "balanced politics"

Delegates will also debate the role of the Queen in an activists from Springhura; Glasgow, are to call for a referendum to be held within the first term of parliament to decide if the Queen should remain as Head of State.

Michael Pinto-Duchinsky



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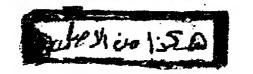
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# Older men have better chance of founding dynasty

OLDER men who marry younger wives in the hope of producing a male heir have a good chance of success, according to a study of birth records. It shows that women who are significantly younger than their husbands have a greater chance of producing boys as their firstborn children. The opposite applies to women who are older than their husbands.

The discovery may help to explain why the proportion of male children tends to rise significantly in times of war. During both world wars there was a surge in male births. There was also an increase in the age difference between husbands and wives.

Men who have married much younger women and had a son as their firstborn child include Dudley Moore 02 who has a two-year-old son. Nicholas, with his wife. Nicole, 32 Lord Bethell, 58 and his wife Bryony, 31, have a son, John. Bruce Forsyth, 69, and his wife. Wilnelia, 39, have a son, JJ, who is 11.

The study, by Dr John Manning and colleagues from the Population Biology Research Group at Liverpool University, is based on 301 families from the Liverpool area. The team reports in Nature that the age gap between the parents is significantly correlated with the sex of their first child In couples in which the

husband was up to five years

SOME fish can detect very

high-frequency sounds, scien-

tists have found, in a discovery

which casts doubt on the

Husbands with

younger wives are more likely to

sire boys as their firstborn, writes

older than his wife, there were 117 firstborn sons and 84 daughters. When the age difference was between five and 15 years, there were 37 sons

Nigel Hawkes

and 20 daughters. When the wife was the older partner, the opposite effect was observed. Wives who were between one and nine years older than their husbands had 14 sons and 29 daughters. For the period between 1911 and 1952, there was a clear link between older husbands and the tendency to produce firstborn sons.

Ages at marriage also show



Boys first: Dudley Moore,

Alarm rings for fish scientists

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

"pingers" being developed to

save dolphins and porpoises

Preliminary reports, earlier

from being entangled in nets.

in the year, indicated that the

net-attached devices, which

emit ultrasonic noises, can

ward off marine mammals.

But the discovery that prey of

dolphins, such as herring, can

there was a sharp increase in the tendency of women to marry older men. "It may be that, during wartime, women prefer to marry older men with high resources", the team suggests. An alternative possi-bility is that younger men are more likely to be away fighting.

The team admits that it does

not know how the sexual selection process works. Two possibilities are that women may unconsciously favour sperm bearing either the X or the Y chromosome, or that male babies in the womb may be favoured, equally uncon-sciously, leading to a greater miscarriage rate for female

People in powerful positions tend to marry younger women, according to Dr Manning. "People have looked at American presidents and European royalty and business leaders, and they have tended to find they have a slight excess of sons," he said.
"If rank and resources pass

down the male line, then it is in the evolutionary interests of such people to produce male heirs. Poorer people, on the other hand, have no rank or wealth to pass down, and men from these classes tend to marry women their own age or older.

Their best interest may be served by producing daughters who can marry upwards and raise the family's status."

making it less likely that a hungry dolphin would go near

the nets in the first place. The findings, from David Mann.

Zhongmin Lu and Arthur

Popper, of the University of

Maryland's zoology depart-ment, are published in Nature.

Whale and Dolphin Conserva-

tion Society, said that the

research showed the danger of

putting faith in a simple

technology to resolve "a com-

Mark Simmonds, of the



An aircraft silhouetted against the Moon, which was made from debris from the Earth's crust and mantle

# Moon grew in less than a year

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE Moon was created in less than a year from a cloud of debris blasted from the Earth by a huge impact, according to Japanese and American astronomers.

They used computers to simulate the results of a variety of impacts by rogue "protoplanets" early in the Earth's history.

It has been accepted since 1984 that the likeliest origin of the Moon was the accretion of debris from the Earth. But the new simulations sugges two changes to the accepted theory. First, they show that the impacting object, hitherto believed to have been about the size of Mars, must have been at least three times larger to create the Moon. Second, they show that luner

formation would have been very rapid. Sigera Ida, of Tokyo Insti-

tute of Technology, and Rob-in Cassup and Glen Stewart, of Colorado University, report in Nature that the Moon formed within 100 to 1,000 orbits. As the orbital period was about ten hours, that

Not all the lightweight material stirred up by the impact of the regue planet went into the Moon. Most of it fell back to Earth, but the rest formed an object that must have loomed enormous in the sky. It was about 14,000 ides from the Earth, nearly 20 times closer than today.

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#### Jet pilots mistrust latest fly-by-wire aircraft

MANY airline pilots feel uncomfortable with the latest computer-controlled cockpits compared with traditional dials and controls found on

More than 60 per cent of those flying the most advanced planes, primarily those made by Airbus in Europe, said the technical manuals were "inadequate". compared with 23 per cent of

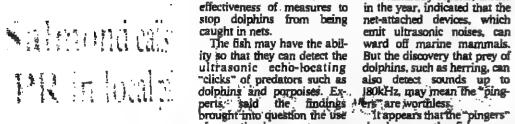
those flying older jets.
The pilots of more advanced airliners also complained of a lack of sensory stimulation because they no longer needed to keep their hands on the controls. More than half said they were not given adequate technical updates. Pilots of the advanced aircraft were twice as likely to consider their

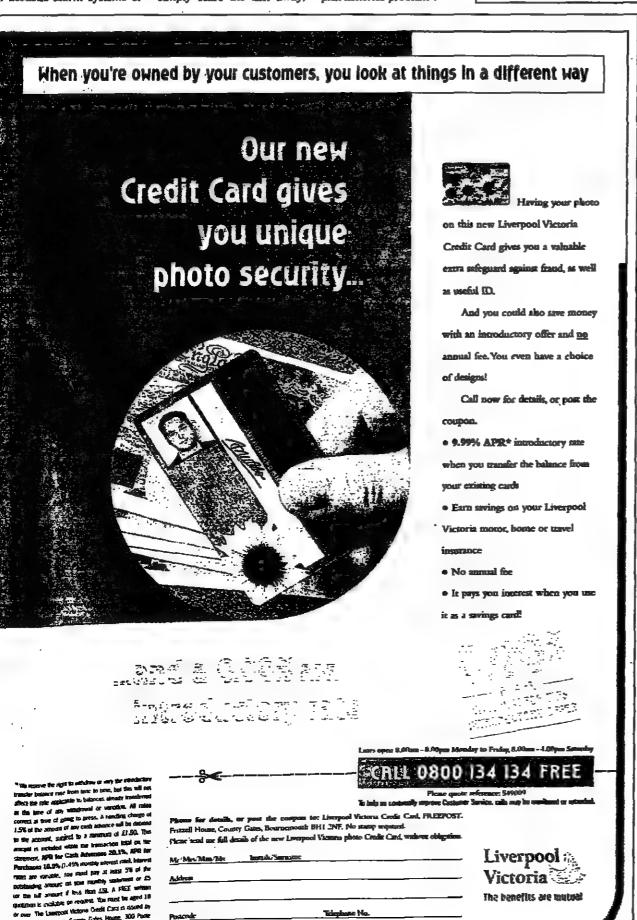
training inadequate.
The findings, reported in New Scientist, come from a survey by Cockpit, an associ-ation of German pilots. Most of the complaints were about the Airbus A320, A330 and A340 — the "fly-by-wire" computer-controlled aircraft.

The survey was carried out before the Boeing 777, Airbus's competitor, came into service with German airlines. Ralf Beyer, of the German Government's Institute for Flight Guidance, said that pilots had responded more positively to the Boeing plane, which gave them more freedom to override computer systems.

John Mazor, of the Airline Pilots Association in Washington, said: "Airbus has a reputation for designing things with the attitude that the designers know better than the pilots." A spokesman for Airbus Industrie in Toulouse said pilots might initially mis-trust the cockpits, but grew to trust the new technology.

Safety specialists have voiced concern over growing automation which gives pilots little to do during long flights. An American Airlines Boeing 757 crashed in Colombia in 1995 after the pilots, who were using autopilot, lost track of where they were. They programmed the jet to fly towards a position it had passed. It banked, trying to double back,







# Darling gives Lib Dems 'responsibility' warning

POLITICAL REPORTER

A CABINET minister told the Liberal Democrats last night that they must be responsible about public spending if they wanted to work with the Labour Government.

Alistair Darling, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said the Government welcomed Paddy Ashdown's call yesterday for his party to be willing to compromise in achieving greater co-operation with Labour. But if there is to be influence in power and influence in government, then that influence has to be exercised in a responsible manner, recognising the hard decisions that have to be made.

Mr Darling, who is thought to be the first Cabinet minister to speak at a rival party's annual conference, was addressing a fringe meeting held in Eastbourne by the Liberal Democrat Business Forum. His comments followed the attack on Mr Ashdown in The Times this week by Peter Mandelson, the Minister with-

Mr Mandelson accused the



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Liberal Democrat leader of playing a "dangerous game" of personally supporting closer collaboration but publicly opposing Labour's decision to keep Tory spending plans. He said the Lib Dems would not win support simply by promising higher spending. Last night Mr Darling told

the Lib Dems that it was very much part of new Labour's approach to co-operate with other parties and with those were not in politics. He said Labour had worked very successfully on the constitutional convention with the Liberal Democrats.

He predicted that such dialogue would continue for years to come between the two

that common purpose. I very much agree with what Paddy Ashdown said this afternoon when he said that no party has a monopoly on political wisdom. We can learn and should learn from each other without losing our individual

Mr Darling said if some-body had told him ten years go that he would be in the Cabinet and sharing a platform with Liberal Democrats he would have been amazed. "It is something of a sign of the changed politics in this country . . . I'm sure that in years to come that exchange will continue. If we ever reach a situation where parties which have much in common as well as their differences cannot speak to each other, I think democracy would be the

Addressing Lib Dem criticism that the Government was not investing enough in education, Mr Darling emphasised that hard choices had to be made. He defended the Government for its decision to implement the Dearing report by imposing tuition fees on

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cation. "We have got to face the fact that the present system was unsustainable."

He said that even the Liberal Democrats' policy of putting an extra penny on income tax to pay for investment in education would not be enough to solve the problem.

Sir Ian Wrigglesworth, chairman of the Liberal Democrat Business Forum, said he could think of no other occasion when a Cabinet minister had spoken at a rival party's conference, "There really could be no better example of the new politics of debate and Ashdown talked about earlier today." He described Mr Darling as being "like a lion in a den of Daniels". Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal

Democrat Treasury spokesnan, said: "I am sorry to see Alistair Darling responding so tetchily to the Liberal Democrats' constructive opposition. think that it shows our criticisms of Labour's plans for the NHS and education are hitting home in Downing Street and indeed right across



THE former Liberal leader Jeremy Thorpe made his first appearance at a party conference for almost 20 years esterday (Polly Newton writes). Mr Thorpe (above), who has Parkinson's disease, was warmly applauded as he took his seat. He struggled to his feet and clasped his hands above his head to acknowledge the cheers. Later he clapped several times during Paddy Ashdown's speech and joined

the standing ovation at the end. A party

#### Thorpe given a warm welcome

spokesman said that only ill health had prevented Mr Thorpe from appearing on the conference platform alongside Mr Ashdown, Mr Thorpe. 68. stood down as Liberal leader in 1976 after nine years. In 1979 he was ac-

quitted of conspiracy to murder and has made very few public appearances since. A spokesman for Mr Ashdown paid tribute to Mr Thorpe, describing his leadership as inspirational. "The party had a long, hard, climb back from the wilderness years in the 1940s and 1950s and the contribution of Jo Grimond, Jeremy Thorpe and David Steel to that climbback, and to the position the party finds itself in now, has been immense."

Ashdown is right and his activists know it

identity and their longterm future lies in co-operating with Labour. That strategy, forcefully reaffirmed by Paddy Ashdown yesterday. has stood up to the buffetting it has received in Eastbourne which has anyway been mild by comparison with the tremors which hit the old Alliance over nuclear defence

policy when the Liberals last visited the town in 1986. Of course, the emergence of the Blairite new Labour Party has challenged the Lib Dems. There are dangers in the party positioning itself self-consciously to the left of the Government. That will not win votes in the South West. Mr Ashdown rightly gave warning that a "defence of decent public services" should fossilised defence of yesterday's state sector, and quality service to consumers should not be undermined by "the special pleading of producers". The Lib Dems have at times appeared to be revelling in being the party of

public spending and taxes. Nonetheless, the question posed by Mr Ashdown: "Imagine British politics without the Liberai Democrats", is pertinent. This is not just a question of its separate electoral support and ideology, and more a matter of diversity. The two main parties often play safe, avoiding awkward questions. While the Lib Dems can be selfrighteous about their candour, they have helped to challenge the official orthodoxy. Public debate would be

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

much narrower without them. But, as Mr Ashdown argued, the Lib Dems should not be satisfied with their local strength or being a conventional opposition. The political system is changing and this offers the Lib Dems a big opportunity. This is pribecause of Tony boldness. He has opened the door to a more pluralist approach, by, for example, setting up the consultative Cabinet committee. No one, and probably not Mr Blair himself, knows where this will lead - whether he wants new Labour to take

believes in a multi-party But Mr Ashdown is right that the Lib Dems have to take risks and cannot have "an excessive concern" for their own purity. No one at Eastbourne has seriously questioned Mr Ashdown's underlying approach. The worries expressed by Lib Dem MPs and activists have been more an assertion of independence and resentment at being patronised by Big Brother Labour. There has been a

over the whole centre ground

with the Lib Dems as a sub-

desire not to rush ahead too The politics of co-operation now faces tests both of style and substance. The two parties have to find ways of taiking which do not annoy the other. Just as the Lib

are "on trial" and being told not to criticise any aspect of overnment policy, so Labour

leaders understandably believe that partnership implies a degree of self-restraint. Accusations of "betrayai" are hardly the way to inspire trust Such tensions could. though should not, derail the Far more serious is the question of electoral reform for the House of Commons. A commission will be set up in

about a month to consider a proportional alternative to the first-the-past-the-post system to be put to voters in a referendum. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead is the favourite to be chairman, though he will: want to be sure of Mr Blair's commitment. The commission will include independent members like the Nolan committee. The key time will be in a year when it reports and Mr Blair has to decide whether to come off the fence. That will determine whether the parties become closer, or move apart. But, at present, the momentum for change is much greater than looked likely immediately after the general

PETER RIDDELL

#### Leaders consider flexible PR line

By JILL SHERMAN

THE Liberal Democrat leadership signalled yesterday that it would have to compromise over a proposed system of proportional representation or electing MPs.

The conference gave overwhelming backing to the purest form of PR, the single transferable vote (STV). The party will now recommend this to the commission on PR set up by Labour to choose a. system to be put to the voters in a referendum. But Trader. ship sources said that it was highly unlikely that SIV would be acceptable to the commission and hinted that the Liberal Democrats might have to agree to a similar the Scottish parliament

Under this method, the additional member system, more by first-past-the-post with the, rest done on a party list basis Senior Lib Dem MPs have argued that if the party has accepted it in Scotland and Wales, it would seem reasonable to accept it in

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# Lib-Lab NHS group urged

BY POLLY NEWTON

SIMON HUGHES called yesterday for the establishment of a cross-party convention to work on ways of improving the National Health Service.

Raising the prospect of fur-ther co-operation with Labour, the Liberal Democrat health spokesman said: "There is one coalition that the British people want politicians to sign up to now. A coalition to

secure the future of the NHS." Health professionals and patients' representatives would sit on the committee, but political parties should be allowed to join only if they committed themselves spending enough on the NHS.

He called on the Government to commit £350 million immediately to start cutting waiting lists, recruiting new staff and improving pay and conditions. Labour should remember the promises it made before the election, he said.

"If you win an election on specific pledges to reduce waiting lists, and waiting lists go up, and people start asking when they will come down, you need to do better than say you really don't know."

Mr Hughes said that the Liberal Democrats would also be campaigning for a new independent inspectorate of health and social care. "If the

country needs an Office for Standards in Education, it equally needs and Office for Standards in Health."

Alexi Sugden from Hammersmith and Fulham, supporting a motion that called on the Government to avert an impending winter "crisis" in the NHS, said that Labour was condoning the rationing of medical treatment for financial reasons. "What happened to all those fine promises?

The motion, which also called for less fluctuation in funding from year to year, was

carried overwhelmingly. ☐ The conference backed a motion to oppose any attempt by the Government to introduce charges for contraceptive motion was a pre-emptive strike". The move follows reports that ministers have considered bringing in an £8 prescription fee. Amanda Taylor of South Cambridgeshire said:

This amounts to a tax on sex

and on sexual responsibility.

Richard Younger-Ross of Teignbridge said the Chancel-lor's first-aid box was nearly empty "except for the odd sticking plaster and bandage he gave us in his Budget".

pills. Opening the debate, Justine McGuinness, chairman of the Women Liberal Democrats group, said the

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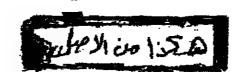
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Yeltsin says state must play big role in market

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin said yes-terday that 1998 would be the year of recovery for Russia's economy, adding that it was time for the Government to tackle the unfairness of freewheeling capitalism by playing a bigger role in the market

economy.

But while the President was confident that communism was dead and a turning-point had been reached for the economy, he gave a warning to parliament's upper house that the recovery would be achieved only with the cooperation of both parliament and regional authorities.

In an unprecedented speech to the Federation Council, he said: "A return to the old ways is already impossible. A free economy is already estab-lished in Russia . . . Even our opponents do not question the need for reforms."

Mr Yeltsin added: "The question is what kind of state and society this free economy will promote. Freedom alone is not enough. We need a new economic order. In itself, the market is not a panacea. We need to increase the role of the state in the economy."

The President said it was essential that parliament passed the 1998 federal budget and new tax code, calling both key conditions for economic recovery. The likelihood of this happening seems at this stage remote. Political leaders in the State Duma, the lower house of parliament, have stated their intention to block the



Yeltsin after speaking in Moscow yesterday

of the Government's proposed tax legislation. In the next few weeks it is expected there will be protracted public wrangling and backstage dealing between the Government and

the opposition in the Duma. The President's decision to speak to the upper house separately - past addresses have been to joint parliamentary sessions - appeared aimed at securing support among Russia's provincial leaders represented there, before turning his attention to the Communist-dominated Duma.

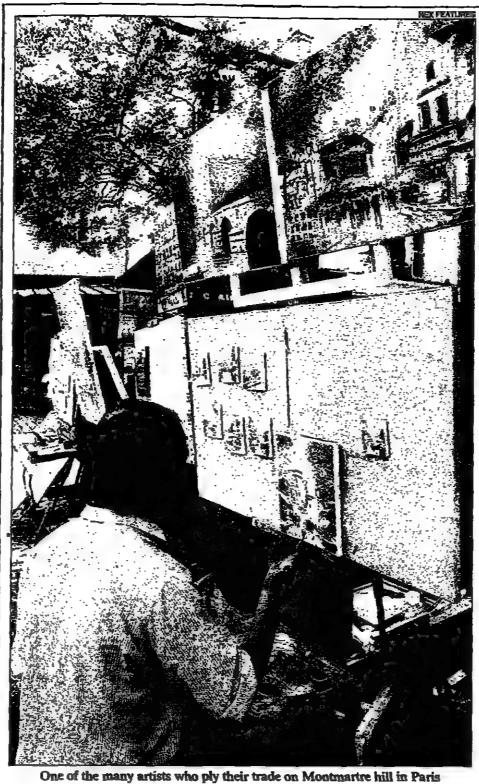
Mr Yeltsin also spoke of the need for greater financial discipline and moves to close loopholes for behind-thescenes redistribution of taxpayers' money". Federal accounts would be transferred away from banks into the Treasury to reduce the opportunities for embezzlement.

Efforts by the administra-tion to stabilise the economy have already stimulated foreign investment in Russia. Anatoli Chubais, the First Deputy Prime Minister, told a delegation of prominent British businessmen last week that foreign investment had trebled to \$6 billion (E3.6 billion) so far this year from \$2 billion for all of 1996.

Earlier this week Al Gore, the American Vice-President, speaking in Moscow after talks with Mr Yeltsin and Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, predicted a surge in foreign investment. He, too, emphasised the importance of tax reform and success in the fight against corruption and crime to help

to bring this about. Official figures: show GDP ose for the sixth successive month last month to stand 0.7 per cent higher than a year igo. However, those living below the £44-a-month minimum subsistence level rose to 30.9 million, nearly 21 per cent of the population.

Religion law: The Russian parliament's upper house passed unanimously yesterday a controversial draft law on religions. Although revised, the West still criticises the legislation as discrimina-



#### Bus ban threatens artists with blue period

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

PAINTERS on the hill of Montmarire, once the artistic hub of Paris, claim they will be put out of business by a new municipal regulation banning tourist buses from the area.

After complaints that the narrow streets of Montmartre have become clogged by traffic, the city authorities ruled this week that buses must now park at the bottom of the hill. The artists argue that tourists will simply avoid the area rather than tackle the

steep climb to the top.

Montmartre hill, the highest point in the city, can be reached by a funicular rail-way, but most tourists get there in coach parties. Once the haunt of such painters as Picasso, Matisse and Modigliani, Montmartre remains a magnet for struggling street artists, who make money by painting portraits or carica-tures of some of the six million visitors every year to the hilltop cafes and restaurants.

Georges Behrakis, president of the Montmartre Artists' Collective, said:
"Without coaches, old people simple won't be able to make it up the hill."

The Association of Montmartre Shopkeepers said in a statement yesterday: "This measure will [have] repercussions on employment, since many places will have to close down completely." Jean Tiberi, the Paris May-

or, defended the move by saying that "Montmartre will recover it's tranquillity".

#### Italy gives single currency a test run in Florence

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

ITALY is so confident of qualifying for the European single currency next year that selected citizens will be given the chance to handle and use the euro from next month.

The six-month experimental scheme is being launched in the Florence area to test Italian reactions to the single curren-cy. Euro coins and banknotes are to be issued by banks in two districts, and the Bank of Italy has underwritten the project, setting the legal ex-change rate at 2,000 lire to the 'Florentine euro",

The scheme has the backing of Alessandro Pesci, Mayor of the Fiesole district of Florence, and Mauro Perini, Mayor of Pontassieve, an eastern suburb. Both belong to the Party of the Democratic Left (PDS), the former Communist Party, which is the dominant partner in the ruling centre-left coalition of Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister.

The two areas have been chosen because they offer different social and economic laboratories for the experi-ment: Fiesole is a leafy district of well-to-do villas much favoured by art lovers and tourists looking for the ambience of E.M. Forster's A Room with a View, while Pontassieve is an industrial area bordering the Tuscan wine country.

"We want to see how shopkeepers and bus drivers as well as their customers react to making transactions in the euro", Signor Pesci said, Similar experiments in France and Germany have not been received with enthusiasm. But although the lira is seen as weak compared with the franc or the mark, Italy is desperate to join the single currency

from the outset. A decision on which states can join the single currency in the first wave is expected next year. According to the latest opinion poll, 78 per cent of Italians are in favour of

joining.
Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the
Budget and Treasury Minister, told the World Bank and the IMF this week that although the Prodi Government was regarded as "bold, even reckless" for launching an austerity budget to help Italy meet the Maastricht criteria, its efforts had been rewarded by low inflation and a budget deficit increasingly close to the 3 per cent of GDP required by Maastricht

Signor Pesci said people in Fiesole and Pontassieve would be able "to buy bread and salami, go to the cinema and take a bus ride" from October until March 1998 using the euro. The Florentine coins and notes resemble those approved by Brussels but bear ocal symbols and civic crests, ☐ Bonn: A draft law amending Germany's corporate law and financial regulations to allow introduction of the euro was approved by the Cabinet. The measure must now be put to parliament. (AP)



Prodi: party leading way on use of euro

#### Plea for Rwanda aid block

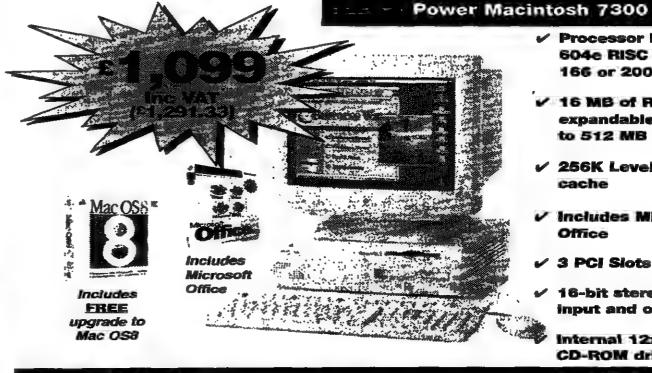
Vairobi: America and South Africa should reconsider aid to Rwanda's Tutsi-led army because it has been involved in the deaths of some 6,000 people since January, Amnesinternational claimed

unarmed civilians who died at the hands of the Rwandan Patriotic Army or Hutu rebels, the London-based hu man rights watchdog said. Arranesty said it based the figure of 6,000 deaths on reports from survivors, witnesses and the families of victims, some of whom are in exile. The US gives military main weapons supplier. (AP)

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# Envoys start evacuation of smog-hit Malaysia capital

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITISH diplomatic families may be evacuated if the haze blanketing Malaysia and much of South-East Asia gets worse. The American and Canadian embassies in Kuala Lumpur yesterday announced partial evacuations.

The Foreign Office has already warned British visitors with heart and respiratory problems of the dangers posed by the thick smog caused by uncontrolled forest fires in Indonesia. An advisory notice urges anyone with breathing difficulties to stay indoors or limit their time outside. The same advice has been given to British diplomats.

The smog — covering an area almost the size of Western Europe — is now posing a serious threat to health and aviation. It has claimed its first two lives with the death of two people in Indonesia.

in Kuching, capital of the Malaysian state of Sarawak

the hazard level of between 300 and 500. Officials said exposure to pollution at an index of 200-300 was equiva-

lent to smoking 20 cigarettes. Two Malaysian naval ships arrived in the Indonesian port Dumai with 1,040 firefighters sent to help in putting out bush fires in south Sumatra. A state of emergency

on Borneo, the air pollution has been in force for six days index stood at 651, well above on the island, with schools closed and government offices almost empty. Officials have tried to prevent panic by denying rumours of food

> The smog has spread as far south as the Philippines. Fishermen south of Manila have been unable to put to sea because it is too dark. The World Health Organis

Environment Programme have given warnings that long-term exposure to the pollution could cause lung

American diplomats were yesterday preparing to send their families out of Malaysia on a voluntary basis, and Canada announced that staff would have a week's leave in to give them a break from the pollution. "We don't know what the long-term effects of this are," an American diplo-mat said. "Nothing like this has ever happened before."

Officials said 15,000 Malaysians, mostly children and the elderly, had been treated for haze-related illnesses.

The crisis has provoked sharp criticism in Malaysia of the Government, which environmentalists say has not done enough. They have called for a ban on all cars and vehicles, a halt to the burning of rubbish and a week's closure of factories.

To expect nature to take care of this problem is foolhardy, as we have been exploiting and destroying nature," said Chua Tian Chang, spokesman of the Campaign for a Clean Environment group.

The Malaysian Government has begun distributing surgical masks, but an environmental expert said a wet towel was probably more



A Malaysian child wearing sunglasses and surgical mask for protection against the worsening air pollution levels in the capital, Kuala Lumpur, yesterday

# 'Even the mild haze is like inhaling hot cotton wool's

By Rosemary Righter

THE haze over South-East Asia has almost nothing, except poor visibility, in common with the wintry logs experienced in Britain. To experience it, even in the relatively mild form that has affileted Singapore, is unbe-lievably unpleasant, akin to inhaling bot cotton wool

. A naturally humid climate, where daytime temperatures hover in the mid-30s, adds to the enervating effect of living inside a wet blanket redolent of the refuse tip. Surgical face ence. Eyes sting, with or without sunglasses sunglasses are hardly appro-

Even for the fit, the haze pollution index needs to reach

suffered by Singaporeans to make even walking exhaust-ing, and to pose risks for the very young and those with respiratory problems or weak hearts. The haze is officially classed as hazardous at between 300 and 500, the top of the scale; and in parts of Malaysia and Indonesia the upper end of the scale has

now been breached. As the flight from London approached Singapore last week, the pilot announced that visibility was adequate for landing. The unexplained the time, for mid-afternoon in the dry season. Stepping from airport into the semiwas to think that I must have set my watch wrongly; it was clearly much later than I had

thought. But for the rest of the week, the sun was never to appear. Even in an air-conditioned hotel foyer, you could see the air drifting through doors that were left open for more than a moment. Nearby skyscrapers simply vanished, vehicles used lights and shipping had to be curtailed on the Strait of Malacca.

Indian police

in Singapore criticism of neighbouring Asian countries is discouraged. But Indonesia's failure, year after year, to control the forest fires is breaking down the customary gripped by drought, these fires could not only be the worst ever but also the most Asians are in for a suffocating

#### WORLD SUMMARY

#### Man who shot at Queen dies

notorious as a schoolboy for a shooting incident involving the Queen in 1981 has electro

cuted himself in a jail cell. Christopher Lewis, 33, accused of murdering a house-wife and kidnapping, electro-cuted himself by placing wires from a television set on his temples. When 17, he fired a shot at the Queen in Dunedin and was jailed for three years for recklessly discharging a firearm. (Reuters)

#### Royal reversal

Canberra: Australia's republican movement has won the backing of Sir Zelman Cowen, the Queen's official representative in the country when he served as Governor-General from 1977-82 (Reuters)

#### Private war ends

Camp Pendleton: A Marine absent without leave since the Vietnam War admitted desertion and received a bad conduct discharge in California. Randall J. Caudill, 48, fled to Canada in 1968. (AP)

#### Hanoi's choice

Hanoi: Vietnam's National Assembly approved Tran Duc Luong, 60, a Communist Party technocrat, as President, a first step towards ending months of uncertainty about the leadership. (Reuters)

#### Bone breakers

The Hague: Workers created a 188-piece jigsaw puzzle when they dropped a *Hypacro-*saurus skeleton, it had taken two years to glue together the 75 million-year-old, duckbilled dinosaur's bones. (AP)



A woman weeps at the grave of her daughter, who

#### Rebels in Algeria urge ceasefire to expose 'extremists'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE leader of Algeria's Islamic Salvation Army (AIS) called for a ceasefire yesterday to expose and marginalise rival fundamentalists held responsible for a recent wave of terrorist massacres. A statement from the head

of the AIS, dated last Sunday and received in Paris yester-day, blamed the "abominable killings" on the ultra-militant Armed Islamic Group (GIA). which it said was determined to scupper peace moves.

The AIS is the armed wing of the banned Islamic Salva-tion Front (FIS), which was poised to win elections in 1992 before the army intervened and cancelled the poll.

The call for all AIS guerillas

to lay down their arms as of October I came the day after terrorists, believed to be operating on orders from the GIA leadership, murdered up to 200 civilians in an Algiers suburb.

The AIS called on others to oin the ceasefire in order to unmask the enemy hiding behind these abominable massacres" and so isolate "the

criminal remnants of the perverse GIA extremists".

The military-backed Government has denied negotiating with the militants, but sterday's communique confirmed that contacts "for the return of security and stability
... have been going on for a long time".

The AIS statement, signed by its emir". Madani Mezerag, said: "This detente prompted the enemies of the past and future to fan the flames of discord and among the sons of Algeria and foil any plan that could buoy up the country and motivate the

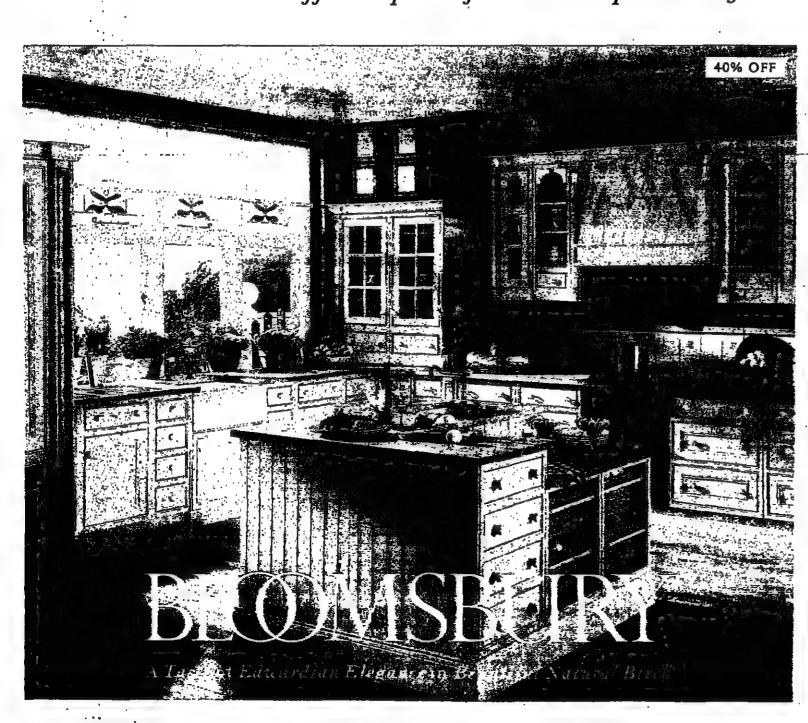
The extensive coverage given to the proposed ceasefire by Algerian state radio and tele vision yesterday was a clear indication of official backing

The latest atrocities took place in Bentoumi-Bentalha on the outskirts of Algiers. once an FIS stronghold, indicating that the live-year battle to overthrow the Government is developing into a bloody feud between wings of the insurgency movement.

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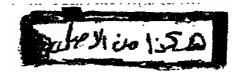
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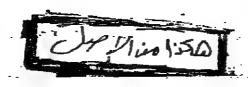
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# China attacks new US-Japan defence pact

Tokyo told not to interfere over 'issue of Taiwan'

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

CHINA reacted strongly yesterday to an expansion in American-Japanese military co-operation, announced in New York on Tuesday, giving a warning that interference over Taiwan would be "completely unacceptable.

A Foreign Ministry spokes-

man in Beijing added: "Any act which includes directly or indirectly the Taiwan Strait in the framework of US-Japan defence co-operation is an interference in and violation against China's sovereignty." He added: "This would be completely unacceptable to the Chinese Government and the Chinese people.

Chinese officials are angry at what they see as an implied warning to Beijing nor to touch Taiwan, and at Japan's engagement in American



Hashimoto: seeking to

strategy to limit Chinese

Elsewhere Taipei, the Taiwanese capital, applauded the expanded alliance as a positive step towards stability. South Korea gave a guardedly neutral response, urging Washington and To-kyo to consult closely with Secon on the guidelines.

In Manila, President Ramos of the Philippines said: "If they have come to an agreement that would give Japan a greater opportunity to be engaged in the security and stability of our common region, I welcome this."

The deal gives Japan a broader, mainly logistic, military role in any American engagement in the region. It also includes controversial tasks such as reconnaissance, intelligence gathering, mine sweeping to keep international sea lanes open and enforcing naval blockades.

This expands the role of Japan's Self-Defence Forces. so far purely defensive except for non-combat United Nations peacekeeping opera-tions. Until now, Tokyo has been obliged only to provide land for US bases.

The guidelines do not say so, but they were clearly drawn up with the Korean peninsula in mind and the potential for conflict in the Taiwan Strait. Japan and America have been at pains to



Japanese Buddhist monks demonstrate outside the US Embassy in Tokyo against the accord, which challenges Japan's pacifist Constitution

state that no third country is targeted and that their policy towards China - especially over Taiwan - remains unchanged.

Diplomats had expected the Chinese response to be muted, partly because Beijing would not want to sour the mood next month by President Jiang Zemin. Japan's Prime Minis Ryutaro Hashimoto, moved to head off a diplomatic row, saying: "We have to alleviate their [China's] concerns through talks at various levels, not only at the top level." He announced plans to send officials, including defence staff, to Beijing to "explain" the guidelines.

In Japan, opposition parties bitterly denounced the arand challenge the country's pacifist Constitution. The centre-right Minshuto (Democratic Party of Japan) called it "a mechanism to make Japan participate in a war automatically at the request of the United States". Japan's Communist Party said the scheme would involve the nation in any American war in Asia,

even when Japan itself was not

directly threatened, and vio-

late the 1947 pacifist Constitution which bans Japan from using military force to settle any international dispute. Crucially, the accord fudges

the issue of how far afield Japanese troops can venture in support of American forces in a crisis. Instead the guidelines say "the concept -- situations in areas surrounding Japan — is not geographic but

was intended to avoid provoking China, but analysts said no one doubts the real mean-- that Japan could be called upon to help America to protect Taiwan in the event of a Chinese attack. In fact, Japan's top government spokesman let the cat out of the bag last month by revealing that the arrangements would cover possible conflicts

Admirer of 'kind Hitler' dies in **Taiwan** 

From Jonathan Mirsky IN HONG KONG

THE death at 80 in Taiwan on Monday of Chiang Wei-kuo, adopted son of the late President Chiang Kai-shek, removes from the scene one of the last outspoken admirers of the man he called "Mr Hitler".

A bellicose man and a graduate of Whampos, his father's elite military academy. Chiang was a tank general when the Kuomintang Government retreated to Taiwan in 1949. He liked to recall that as a young colonel he had almost defeated a larger Communist tank force during one of the last great mainland battles, at Xuzhou in 1948, but lost because his commander defected.

General Chiang played little part in serious politics in Taiwan and retired from the army in the 1980s. It was accepted in Taiwan that the general's brother, Chiang Jing-guo, who was President until his death in 1988, had been the son of one of Chiang Kai-shek's mistresses, and that in fact the famous Madame Chiang Kai-shek - who lives in America - had been biological mother to neither of her husband's famous sons.

In 1985, during an interview in Taipei, General Chiang spoke proudly of his training in the German Army in the mid-1930s. He remembered "Mr Hitler" fondly. "He was a very nice man, always very kind to me." Asked about the Holocaust, General Chiang said: "I never believe anything I have not seen, especially bad things I hear about people."



General Chiang: hailed Hitler as a nice man

# Indian police stop widow from joining husband on funeral pyre

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DETH

POLICE pulled a hysterical young woman from the flames of her husband's funeral pyre in Raja-sthan this week, the first known case of attempted suttee (widow burning) in a decade. Among the men and women of the Rajput warrior caste, it would have been an honourable death.

The incident occurred in a village

25 miles from Jaipur, an area of conservative, private communities where suttee has probably been secretly performed a number of times in the past decade. Raj Kanwar, in her late twenties, had planned her death within hours of that of her husband, Shravan Singh, 32, after a long illness.

For three days she did not sleep. eat or take water. Among other high-caste women of her village she was performing the ultimate, an-

cient gesture of love. To the police, however, she was committing a crime. They heard of her plans shortly before the cremation and rushed to the site. She was dragged, screaming, into custody as fire engulfed her husband's body.

The last known case of suttee was in 1987, when sword-wielding Rajput youths surrounded a widow, Roop Kanwar, as she walked to her husband's cremation ground and jumped on his pyre in Deorala,

Rajasthan. There were reports that she was goaded into her sacrifice by fellow Rajputs. Other reports said she was physically forced into the flames. Some accounts described her as smiling and serene, others said she was screaming and frothing at the mouth. Nobody was ever

Her father, Bal Singh Rathor, who did not attend, said a year later that she had decide to commit suttee despite attempts by relatives

erected in her honour, and people offered prayers in front of her photograph. Police threatened to take it down, but it was left alone for fear of upsetting the politically powerful Rajputs.

Suttee was banned by the British more than 160 years ago but it continued in parts of the country, principally Rajasthan. There are stiff penalties for attempting or

police are unlikely to take action against Raj Kanwar, who has been sedated and is now in the care of The Indian Government enacted

legislation in 1987 barming any giorification of suttee and forbid ding the erection of temples in honour of women who become suttees. Rajput leaders say there have been about two dozen cases of suttee in the past 50 years, none of which has come to public notice.



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# <sup>1</sup> ANC fears to grasp Mrs Mandela nettle

mously, particularly since the THE appearance of Winnie holder is certain to become Madikizela-Mandela before South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission is hardly likely to be the last heard of the multiple killings carried out by her infamous football club". Her wayward personality and the fact that theatre than a court guarantee that. But the fallout from this latest drama seems likely to be more immediate and far-Mrs Mandela is an alba-

tross round her party's neck and the resurfacing of the many scandals surrounding her is deeply unwelcome to the ANC shortly before a conference which will see President Mandela hand over party leadership to Thabo Mbeki. The party's response has

een to go into denial mode. but since it tends to do this quite instinctively in the face of any embarrassment its credibility is not high. Mrs Mandela's candidacy for the ANC deputy presiden-

South Africa's Deputy President. The preferred ANC way of choosing officials is to have one nomination for each post selected by a cabal. But now that Mrs Mandela's hat is in the ring, so are at least three others and the party faces a battle in which she is seen by many as the front runner. The prospect that she could run well, or even win, is enough to panic the party managers, not just because of the disastrous effect this would have on important sections of domestic and international opinion, but because her track record suggests that a lot more trouble But Mrs Mandela's candi-

dacy also reopens a number of other fissures within the ANC. She has broadly hinted that "moderate ANC leaders" were involved in the assassination of Chris Hani, the charismatic Communist Party leader. There is much nostalgia for Hani, and if Mr Mbeki blocks Mrs Mandela such accusations could be renewed. Similarly, the ANC has run into strong opposition from its partners in the Communist Party and trade unions over its free-market policies, especially since those partners are now demanding that South Africa renege on its foreign

Mr Mbeki and the Government are not in a comfortable position as they defend the rights of foreign banks to be repaid and Mrs Mandela's left-wing populism will hardly make that task easier. Moreover, the peace talks in

KwaZulu-Natal are becalmed and there is a desperate need for the ANC and Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party to make a deal before the onset of the electoral hurlyburly sees the situation slip back into the violent competition which has already cost 14,000 lives. Mrs Mandela's presence in the ring will make such a deal harder: anyone who truckles with Chief Buthelezi is all too easily labelled a sell-out. Her lawyers have been playing for time, trying to put the commission hearing back as far as possible so that it is pushed hard up against the ANC conference in December.

If that were to happen, it will become impossible to separate the two events. One important point is that the hearing is going ahead as early as it is — and in camera to prevent Mrs Mandela from grandstanding too publicly. But there will be nothing to stop her from repeating in public whatever she says if she feels the need.

The chances of the ANC grasping the Winnie nettle look poor. Cyril Ramaphosa tried to do that and he has had to abandon political life entirely. Yet no one doubts that it would be far easier to deal with the problem once and for all while Mr Mandela, with his great moral authority, is at the helm. Once he is gone and she is the only bearer of the Mandela name in the political ring, it could become virtually



President Mandela speaking yesterday. National Heritage Day, at Robben Island where he was imprisoned. The background mural shows him and other black leaders in South Africa, Steve Biko and Robert Sobukwe

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### Woman blames beating-up on sexual jealousy

NEATLY folded and tucked into a part of a closet where it cannot contaminate the rest of her clothes. Phumizile Diamini keeps a maternity dress stained with blood from injuries she says were caused by Winnie Mandela in a rage of sexual jealousy.

Three months pregnant by Mrs Mandela's driver, Shakes Tao, Mrs Dlamini says she was kidnapped by the South African President's former wife who, she alleges. smashed fists into her face and tore at her hair before handing her on to the notori-ous Mandela United Football Club. "See what you can do with her," Mrs Mandela al-legedly told her teenage

thugs.
Shaking with fear and sob-Dlamini re-called the night which she biames for the brain damage Was in womb cight years ago, with chilling clarity. Mrs Mandela is due to face accusetions of 18 counts of gross human rights abuses, including eight murders, at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Friday. Her lawyers said this week that

they would ask for a postponement to "compiete interviews with witnesses" That is why Miss Dlamini

was shaking in terror. Mrs Mandela's palatial house in Soweto's Orlando West still casts a shadow of fear across the tiny bungalows of the township she terrorised dur-

ing the 1980s. Yesterday I was warned by a friend that anyone who is expected to testify against Winnie will be killed. I want to tell the commission what happened to me, but I am napping and assault at a murder trial for Stompie Seipei in 1991 and sentenced commuted to a fine.

Shocking new evidence in the Stomple case is expected to come out when one of Mrs Mandela's former henchmen. Katīza Cebekhulu, testifies to the commission. In sworr affidavits he has already said that he twice saw Mrs Mandela plunge a sharp object into the 14-year-old activ-Jerry Richardson, the "footvicted of the 1987 murder, and is serving a life term. He has

said in his application for commission that he was acting on Mrs Mandela's orders. Mrs Dlareveals

ening about Woman who announced she would run for deputy presi-dent of the ANC. At 19, when she allegedly fell foul of Mrs Mandela Mrs Dlamini had never been in trouble. Then she fell in love with Shakes and ' became pregnant. Unfortunately, she says, she did not realise that Mrs

Mandela's leg-

endary sexual appetite had included Shakes. "She came to my house and asked if I was in love with Shakes. I said no. She said I was making a fool of her and

started beating me. She left me, but came back later that day, in the evening, She was screaming, swearing at me, her eyes were huge and she seemed to be having a sort of fit. She forced me back into her car and that's when she started really beating me up. Mrs Diamini said.



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Irish rock Dat unites Bostolia

# scraps smudged

By Tom Rhodes

tribute

ELTON JOHN'S tribute to Diana, Princess of Wales, has broken all records in the United States, where shops throughout the country said the song had sold out within hours of its release. The Recording Industry As-

sociation of America yesterday certified that Candle in the Wind 1997 had achieved "eight times platinum", a record eight-million initial shipment for a single.

When it was released in Britain last week, the song sold 650,000 copies in one day, to become the fastest-selling single of all time.

In America, its arrival appeared to bring something of a end to the extraordinary period of mourning that drew many to a princess they rarely

followed in life. At Tower Records in Washington, devotees grabbed multiple copies. "I've been here five years, and this is the first time I've seen so many people buying multiple copies of a record, especially a single, said Tommi Baker, an assistant manager. Most customers said they were buying it because the proceeds were being given to the Princess's charities.

The marketing of the Princess has gathered momentum. Mail order advertisements have appeared in almost all American papers, offering commemorative objects.

#### Elton John | Treasury breaks US \$50 bills records

Washington: The US Treasury has been forced to delay the debut of its state-of-the-art \$50 bill after printing \$7.8 bil-lion (£4.8 billion) of such poor quality that the notes appeared counterfeit (Tom Rhodes writes). Smudging of Ulysses Grant's portrait and of micro-

printed security details in his collar left the work below the standards demanded by the Federal Reserve for a first-run. Reprinting the poor notes,

which officials at the Federal Reserve admitted could be mistaken for fakes, may cost as much as \$11 million. The smudged bills made up more than 15 per cent of an order for nearly one billion \$50 notes which were due to go

into circulation between now and early 1998. The problem was not detected until the Bureau of Engrav-ing and Printing had dispatched large shipments of the money from Washington. and attempted to make the

Reserve accept the defective currency regardless. As a result circulation has been postponed until the middle of next month at the

"We have said we expect to get new notes to the Fed by the fall of this year and we will meet that deliverable date," said Larry Felix, a spokesman who conceded that the bureau had not encountered difficul-

ties with smudging in the past. "We've decided that notes of the absolute highest quality Photograph, page 24 | will be the first to go out."

# Clinton aide says US must extend stay in Bosnia

From Tom Rhodes in washington

PRESIDENT Clinton's National Security Adviser, setting the stage for a protracted political battle with Congress. has signalled that America must be ready to keep troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina well beyond the scheduled with-drawal of Nato forces in June.

Samuel Berger, in a clear effort to prepare America for the apparently inevitable continuation of an American military presence, said the West must remain engaged in Bosnia both to preserve peace in the Balkans and the credibility of the Nato alliance.

"Peace is beginning to take root," he said, "but the gains are not irreversible, and locking them in will require that the international community stay engaged in Bosnia in some fashion for a good while

Mr Berger, in a speech at Georgetown University, made no explicit commitment that Americans would remain in the Balkans beyond the June deadline, but officials at the White House portrayed his words as a deliberate signal of intent to both opponents on Capitol Hill and anxious allies in Whitehall, Paris and Bonn.

The Foreign Office and officials from other allied governments have for some time been urging the White House

Kalashnikovs but U2 tickets

to clarify its position over Bosnia. Britain and other European countries have long maintained that their troops will not remain in the Balkans without a continued American military presence. Last night Hubert Verdrine, the French Foreign Minister, said in New York that the Nato-led peacekeeping force should prepare for a longer stay to finish the

job undertaken in the Dayton

peace accords. The Berger announcement came after much debate over the issue among the various vernment departments in Washington. Even the Pentagon has been forced to recognise that withdrawal before June would almost certainly lead to renewed conflict in the

region.
The speech was also timed to blunt increasing criticism of the Administration's foreign policy by Republicans in Congress and notable outsiders. including Henry Kissinger,

the former Secretary of State. In an article widely published in American newspapers this week. Dr Kissinger offered a scathing assessment of Mr Clinton's Bosnia policy, suggesting that Washington risked drifting into a crisis because America's goals and

been muted progress in merg-ing Serb-controlled areas with those of the Muslim-Croat Irish rock band Federation. Mr Berger said that life was improving, genuinely if slow-ly, for most in the federation. unites Bosnians

"I am making the case - I wouldn't say open-ended - for engagement in Bosnia at least in terms of civilian implementation for as long as it is succeeding in moving forward." ☐ Belgrade: President Plav-sic of the Bosnian Serbs'

While Dr Kissinger attacked

the tenets of the Dayton accord

and the creation of a multi-

ethnic state, Republicans have

hardened their stance towards

In 1995, Mr Clinton prom-

ised that the original US implementation Force of 20,000 would be deployed to

the region for a year. The week after his re-election last year, the President announced his

widely anticipated decision to

participate in the successor

force which included about

8,000 American troops. Senator Kay Bailey Hutch-

inson, a Texas Republican,

predicted a vigorous fight in

Congress to block any further

commitment of American sol-

diers. "We are not looking at

Somulia," she said, "we're

looking at Vietnam. They

don't have a clear exit

The Stabilisation Force

(Sfor) mission has been com-

plicated by numerous factors,

including the continuing pow-

er of hardline Serbian nation-

alists in eastern Bosnia under

the direction of Radovan

Karadzic, the former political

leader indicted for war crimes.

refugees have been allowed to

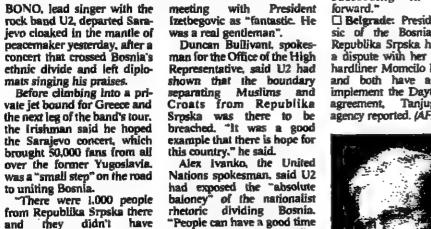
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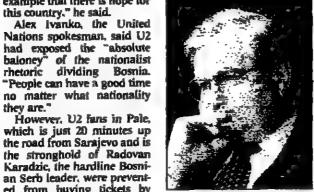
troop deployment in Bosnia.

Republika Srpska has settled a dispute with her rival, the hardliner Momcilo Krajisnik, and both have agreed to implement the Dayton peace agreement, Tanjug agency reported. (AFP)

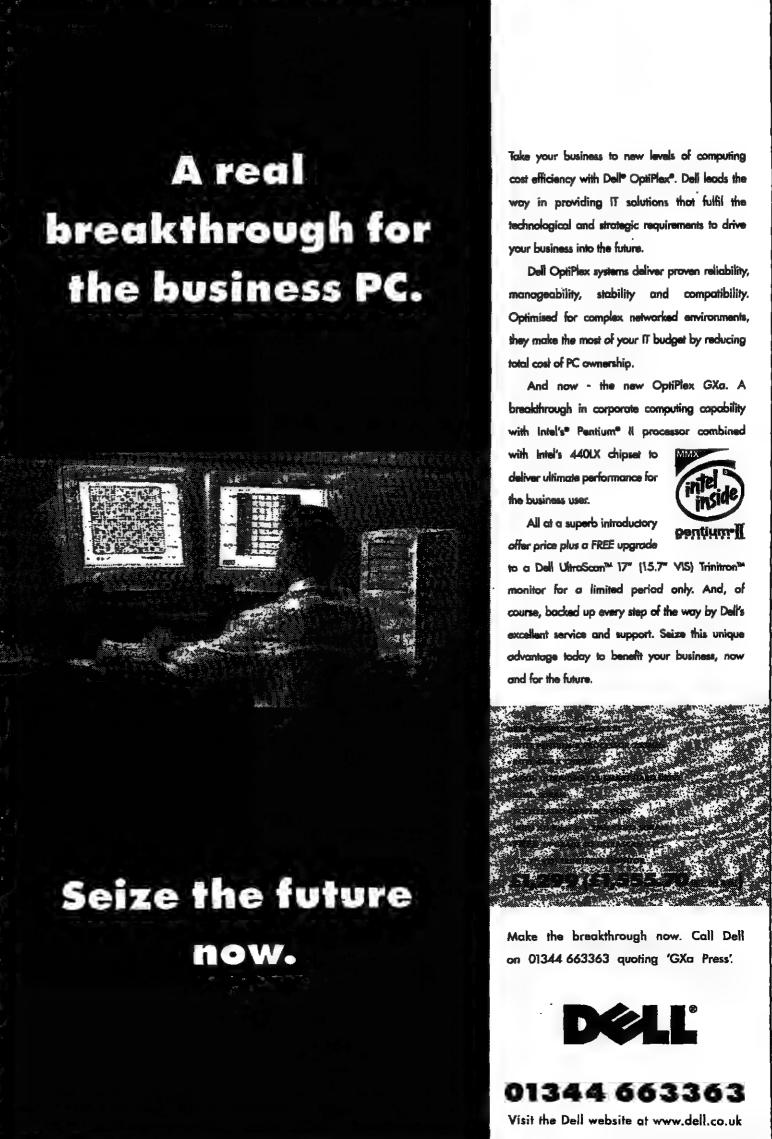




FROM TOM WALKER IN SARAJEVO



in their hands," said the However, U2 fans in Pale, singer, wearing wrap-around which is just 20 minutes up pink-tinted sunglasses and a the road from Sarajevo and is leather baseball cap. "It was the stronghold of Radovan an extraordinary night." After hugging locals, Bono Karadzic, the hardline Bosnian Serb leader, were prevented from buying tickets by was whisked away. He was followed shortly afterwards their leadership, who told by his guitarist. The Edge. beginning to take root them the journey was unsafe. who described the band's SWIFTCALL 0800 769 0022 Surprisingly cheap international calls easy to use + no hidden charges + per second billing all prices include VAT + 24hr rates + use any touch tone telephone FRANCE 14p /28p B.T JAPAN 24p / 77p B.T. INDIA 60p / £1.20 B.T. IRELAND 14p / 23p BT NIGERIA 80p / £1.05 E1 OZ 25p /49p B,T NEW SWIFTCALL CALLING CARDS! FOR INCREDIBLE SAVINGS OF UP TO 70% ON BT'S PAYPHONE RATES, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL NEWAGENT. DISTRIBUTORS URGENTLY REQUIRED.



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# Depression, drugs and libido

Dr Thomas Stuttaford on controlling depression; why Thalidomide is still prescribed; cerebral tumours and changes in behaviour; genes for jeans day and the risk of breast cancer

liam is so successful as a sales director that he already controls his company sales for a large slice of the world.

Colleagues and opposition alike would find it hard to reconcile the image he presents at company meetings with the story he told in the doctor's surgery.

Despite an outward show of

optimism essential to the maintenance of the morale of his sales force, William told me that he'd always been a secret pessimist, just like his mother and many of her family. On questioning William, he admitted, rather reluctantly, to all the stock symptoms of depression.

Depression is not so much a specific disease as a syndrome. a collection of signs and symptoms that are, for convenience, lumped together and described as affective disorders. In the affective disorders there is an alteration of mood, the patient's approach to life may be either unreasonably lacklustre and despairing, or absurdly over-elated. Some people alternate between the two conditions.

Despite his efforts to conceal it, William had a level of despondency that was way beyond just feeling unhappy. He had gone off his food, lost nearly a stone in weight and had feelings of absolute hopelessness about all aspects of life both domestic and professional. William was sleeping badly, getting off to sleep and then waking up, and frequently after several hours of fitful dozing he would slumber again just when it was time to get up. William's mood varied according to the time of day, and life usually seemed to be a little bit more hopeful from

lunchtime onwards. William was irritable and this was enhanced by a conviction he had recently that his colleagues "had got it in for him". Although William had



long, his sex life had petered out once he had become depressed, from a lack of interest rather than ability.

William, like 70 per cent of depressed patients, soon responded to treatment with SSRI, selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor, also known as 5HT re-uptake inhibitors. His improvement started within a formight. After the first week of treatment his almost suicidal feelings of hopelessness had lessened and by the second week he was less irritable, paranoid, edgy and anxious. William continued his treatment for six months and the only side effect that worried him was that aithough he was enjoying all aspects of life again, he was still blind to the charms of his wife and other women. "It is not only that I feel an absolute

William had swapped the loss of libido caused by depression, for that which was the effect of treatment.

fool in the bedroom, parties,

too, have become a bore."

About a year after William stopped his treatment the symptoms of depression returned, as in 80 per cent of patients William's depression is recurrent. In about 15 per cent of patients their despondent mood is persistent with-

doctor's problem was to find a pill that would enable his patient to remain cheerful, but one which would allow him to enjoy a sex life.

In William's case Seroxat paroxetine was the treatment of choice. Most SSRIs will cause sexual disfunction in a fifth of patients, in both sexes there may be reduced libido. with men a loss of potency and with women in lubrication. If potency is preserved some men will experience pain on ejaculation and in both sexes orgasm may be delayed. For the 80 per cent of patients having treatment with SSRIs, their libido improves as their ioie de vivre returns. Seroxat causes less loss of libido than other SSRIs. This week a new antidepressant, Zispin mirta-zapine, has been introduced. Organon, the manufacturers, not only claim it is more successful and faster in the treatment of depression than the brand leader Prozac, but that it neither numbs the patient's sexual desires not alters the nature of any amato-

ispin is different from the SSRIs and is classified as a NassA, a norandrenergic specific serotonergic antidepressant. Zispin increases the level of both noradrenalin and serotonin, the two transmitters involved in depression.

A review of the safety of Zispin by Professor Stuart Montgomery, of St Mary's Hospital, London, shows that a significantly lower percent-age of patients complained of adverse effects in taking a new drug than they did when taking either a placebo, or one of the earlier antidepressants. A striking feature of these figures was the large number of patients who suffered side-

those that affect the psyche, may also occasionally reduce



NORTHERN Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam's person-ality, always loved by her colleagues in the Labour Party, is now being appreciated by a larger nationwide audience. Those who have known her have always admired her outspoken North Country approach to problems, her flair and apparent indifference to the niceties of metropolitan drawing-room

When Ms Mowlam was diagnosed as suffering from

#### Tumour that can create a different person

caused by cerebral tumours

are either the result of the

a cerebral tumour there was inevitably discussion as to what extent her forthright approach had been a sign of what was presumably a slow-growing cerebral tumour and possibly a resultant raised intracranial pressure. Some journalists claim to have noticed an increasing intolerance of others' indolence or prejudice. The signs and symptoms

tumour pressing on the brain, or because the growth has increased intracranial pressure. Morning headaches, which tend to clear later in the day, and vomiting, are frequent early symptoms, as are seizures. Psychological symptoms

are more difficult to assess but are the first symptom in

spirit will once again excite comment and raise questions about one quarter of all cerebral tumours. These include changes in personality, increasing irritability, drowsiness or simple bloodymindedness. In one recent case I was involved in the man's tumour had produced a personality change, he is kinder, more romantic and, as one member of his family

as to what extent her medical condition and, perhaps more importantly, any treatment will influence her judgment and interpersonal skills. Although some drugs or cerebral tumours may completely change a patient's 135.27

character, in a great many other cases the doctor's prescription, or the disease, tend only to enhance existing personality traits.

the white cell count in the blood to a dangerously low level. Zispin is no exception but the available evidence suggests that in this respect it is no worse than comparable drugs, which are also used in psychiatry. In initial trials in the United Kingdom there was a significant decrease in one out of the 2,500 patients involved. In other parts of the predominantly the USA, 220,000 patients have

now received Zispin. Only one

has suffered from a seriously

low white count, but he was

also HIV positive and the true

significance of the finding is

unknown. One side-effect is the increase in appetite. In initial stages of treatment this can be an advantage, but once the patient is again cheerful they need to watch their diet. Zispin is likely to be a drug about which we will hear far

more. As depression is a syndrome, every case is individual and therefore needs to be carefully assessed. It is found that some patients respond to one drug better than to another and one of the factors which has to be taken into consideration, particularly in younger people, is its

#### When Thalidomide can help, not harm merica did not suffer a infected. The type 2 chronic Thalidomide disaster reactions may occur for up to ten years after apparently the rest of Europe. Even in successful treatment and are

said. "nicer in every way."

Any evidence of a resur-

as badly as Britain and mainland Europe, the Thalidomide used was unstable and did not universally produce deformities in the babies of mothers who took it in early pregnancy. This instability was detected by British scientists and Thalidomide's release to the public was held up, which was fortuitous as it enabled Doriden, a drug closely related to Thalidomide, to seize a greater part of the market for a mild hypnotic "suitable to treat the insomnia of pregnancy". Doriden did not cause foetal abnormalities.

British pharmacologists succeeded where their European colleagues had failed. and produced a stable form of Thalidomide. This had an unfortunate downside, for although, thanks to Doriden, fewer women in Britain took Thalidomide, those who did take it in early pregnancy all had abnormal babies.

The extreme anxiety voiced by the American public about the use of Thalidomide to treat other diseases is perhaps because, with less experience of the drug, they have an even greater horror of its side-

effects than we do. In this country, doctors have continued to prescribe Thalidomide for some forms of chronic leprosy, in particular the type 2 reaction erythema. nodosum leprosum. Contrary to popular belief, leprosy is not very infectious and even those constantly exposed to the bacillus do not usually become

stage of the disease the patient may also notice joint pains, particularly in the knees; inflammation of the nerves; kidney disease and, in men, inflamed testes.Less well documented than its use in treating leprosy has been Thalidomide's value in countering

> 'It is still prescribed for some forms of chronic leprosy'

graft-versus-host disease. After transplantation, particularly of bone marrow in cancer therapy. Thalidomide has proved useful in reducing this chronic form of rejection.

Professor Ray Powles and his team at the Royal Marsden Hospital in Surrey have been researching the use of Thalidomide in cases of graftversus-host disease for some years. They have found that Thalidomide is well tolerated by patients with a chronic form of the disease, and can be very effective. The Thalido-

immuno-suppressant drugs. The two well-known side-effects of Thalidomide, drowsicharacterised by red, cozing ness and peripheral lumps on the skin. At this neuropathy — damage to the nerves and limbs - were not a serious problem.

As well as helping bonemarrow transplant patients, Thalidomide has also been used against other immunological disorders such as lupus erythematosus, and certain inflammatory conditions. Professor Powles's work at

the Royal Marsden has confirmed studies that showed that although Thalidomide is effective in many cases of chronic graft-versus-host disease, it is of no value in the acute form.British doctors are in no way casual about the use of Thalidomide. Great care is taken to see that it is not used wantonly and left lying about in bathroom cupboards where it might be taken unwittingly by a pregnant woman. The indications for the use of Thalidomide are very restricted, and it is only used when other drugs would be ineffective. Patients are always told what they are taking and what the implications are, and are warned to be careful about

storage of the drug.

First reports on the use of Thalidomide in treating graftversus-host disease appeared in The Lancet in 1988. Two years ago, in Drug Safety, there was a strong appeal for its use to be extended to other immunological disorders. So far there have been no reports of it being taken mistakenly by

THE understanding of genetle medicine increases daily. People are worried, however, about a service which will enable someone to open their morning post, rise from the breakfast table and carry out tests to find out which genetic inheritable disease they are likely to suffer from. The Government has issued a code which determines the conditions under which a company may offer diagnostic service through the post.

The diagnosis of genetic

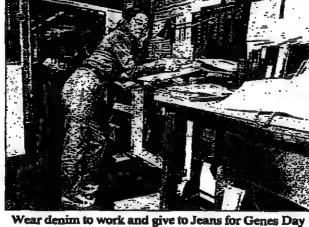
disorders is only one factor in its control. It would be far better to find means to prevent the diseases, or, failing

#### Jeans raise cash for genes

that, to cure them. The Great Ormand Street Hospital for Children, which inevitably sees large numbers of children with genetic disorders, Is launching a "Jeans for

This is a national fundraising appeal, on Friday, October 10, when the popula-tion of the UK has been asked to leave their skirts, dresses or trousers at home and instead wear a pair of jeans to work. They are also asked to give a pound towards research into enetic diseases at the

It will divide the money between general research at the hospital and the Primary Immunodeficiency Association, which investigates the problems of children born with little resistance to infection. Two other organisations to benefit from "Jeans for Genes Day" are the Society for Mucopolysaccharide Diseases and the Chronic Granu-lomatous Disorder Research Trust, which investigates the condition in which a child's body reacts abnormally to



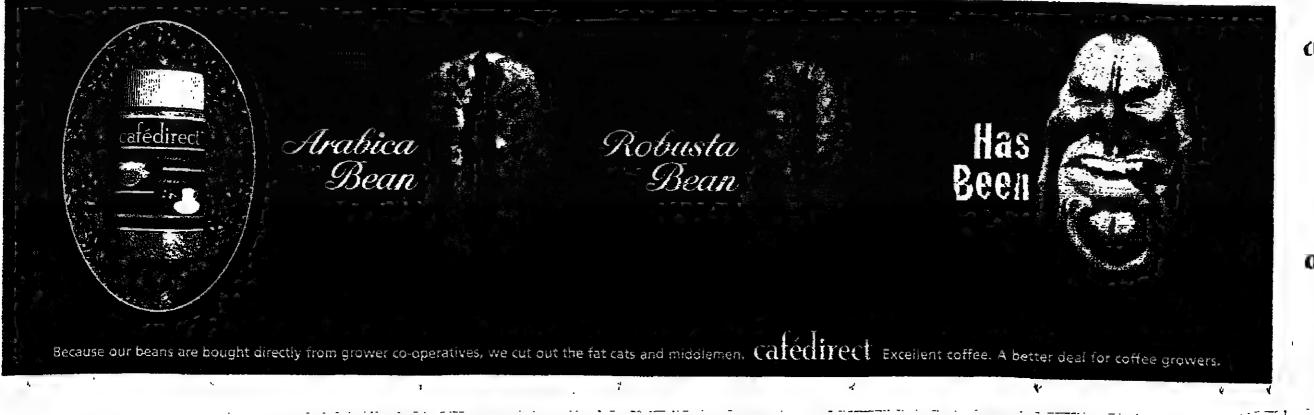
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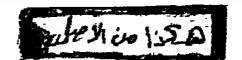
#### Pregnancy and the risk of breast cancer

THE death from breast cancer of the Observer writer Ruth Picardie, at 33, has caused great sadness in what used to be known as Fleet Street. It appears that before her cancer was diagnosed she had suffered from fibro-adenomas, known to doctors as benign mammary dysplasia and to the public as "lumpy bosoms". In such cases - where someone diagnosed with benign mammary dysplasia then develops a cancer - it is always open to doubt whether the initial trouble was misdiagnosed, or whether it is another nearby lump that is malig-nant. Research has shown that problems with

diagnosis account for most of the increased mortality from breast cancer in patients with lumpy breasts; but there is sound evidence that these women do have a small but significant

increase in the incidence of breast cancer.
It seems Ms Picardie always worried whether the hormones used in IVF treatment could have accelerated the cancer. This is unlikely, but both pregnancy and breastfeeding may increase the levels of a hormone which could stimulate the tumour. It has however been suggested recently that the overall effect of pregnancy on breast cancer may not be great as was once thought.





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# A single-minded drive to the limit

Richard Noble is the fastest man on earth; he is also masterminding the project to break his own land speed record. Anjana Ahuja reports

t is 11pm and everyone in the packed Black Rock Saloon Bar in Gerlach, a tiny town on the edge of the vast Black Rock desert in Nevada, has been feasting on roast pig and beer for three hours. It is time for the highlight of the evening.

A tall young man takes the stage, fiddling nervously with the microphone. A hush descends; cameras are poised. Fortified by several drinks, the young man delivers an inspired impression of Richard Noble OBE, still the fastest man on Earth. The serious, deep tones, the impatient, military manner, and the oddly timed smiles, are perfectly

It is an audacious send-up, made even more so by the fact that the man himself is, unexpectedly, in the crowd, laughing sport-

ingly at his imitator. That night in the Black Rock Saloon was a rare moment of light relief in a deadly serious project - to break the sound barrier on land. Despite the lack of major corporate support (Castrol is an honorable exception), Noble, holder for the past 14 years of the land speed record, of 633.5 mph. has managed to motivate a team of about 30 people to dedicate every spare minute of their lives to building a car that will carry one man through The past month has been the culmination of Noble's dream - to finally usher that team out to

world to run. In a canny publicity stunt, Noble also persuaded his longstanding American rival, Craig Breedlove, the first man through 400, 500 and 600 mph. to venture on to the desert at the same time for what quickly became known as the "duel in the desert". Now, six years after the two men first met, Noble is nearly there - his car, the Thrust SSC (Super-Sonic Car) is on the verge of living up to its name, having clocked up an unofficial

the Black Rock desert, regard-

ed as the best place in the

719mph already. Noble's single-minded determination has left his American rival — who has managed only 391mph in his vehicle, Spirit of America — unnerved and earned him unequivocal respect and admiration. And even though he is not at the wheel (Thrust is driven by Squadron Leader Andy Green, 35, an unmarried RAF fighter pilot), for many people it is Noble who will return to Britain a hero. His achievement is remarkable — on a shoestring budget, he has transported a team nearly 6,000 miles to spend six weeks in a remote frontier town, and persuaded many individuals

to work up to 16 hours a day

for little or no money.
For all this, Noble claims to be unmoved by seeing Thrust glide powerfully through the desert. "I don't talk about emotions." he said brusquely last week, after the car had reached 550mph in a quite thrilling display. "Emotions are dangerous."

Noble was born 51 years ago into what he calls a "boring military family". His father, an army colonel, was decorated but the young Noble, educated at Winchester, was never captivated by military life. After the war it wasn't interesting enough," he says, his huge figure dominating the tiny bungalow he has rented in Gerlach. It serves as Thrust HQ, as well as being a

The Nobles with two of their children

temporary home for him, his

wife Sally, 47, and their child-

ren, Miranda, 18, Genevieve,

16, and Jack, 8, Andrew, one of

Noble's two brothers, wanders

Noble did not contemplate

university, "preferring to get on with life", and became a

salesman, first for Dulux

paints and then Crimplene for

ICI. In 1971 he abandoned his

career to mount an overland

On his return to Britain, he

switched to promoting man-

agement courses devised by

the American Management

Association, It was an exercise

Noble pursued with passion,

and he will still explain to

anyone who will listen the

merits of a flat pyramid of

power versus a tall pyramid.

which has some chap at the

top who doesn't know what's

going on". (He adds that the

military models itself on a tall pyramid and barracks me for

describing his impressive op-

eration as one of "military

devote himself to his "obses-

sion" with becoming the fast-

est man on Earth. It had

preoccupied him since child-

hood; during a posting to

Inverness, Noble spotted John

From 1974 he decided to

precision".)

expedition to Africa.

in and out.

on Loch Ness and became fascinated by speed. He explains: "I never wanted to be one of those people who said they could have done something but didn't. I couldn't have looked my children in the eye. Almost from nothing, Noble

confured up the money to construct Thrust 2, the car that, in 1983, was to carry off the land speed record that still stands.

During the time of Thrust 2 and since, he has tried his hand at aircraft building, boat building, restaging famous motor races and after-dinner speaking. It is an crowded and impressive curriculum vitae. But he does not appear to relax for one moment. If anything, he seems restlessly

angry, although at what or whom is unclear. Perhaps he is contemplating what happen after Thrust achieves, or does not achieve, its objective of going supersonic (about 750mph). If it's going to happen, it must be before early October, when seasonal rains turn the desert into a swamp: "My horizons are 24 hours at the moment. Even if I did have plans I wouldn't " he booms.

One thing is certain, he holds a frightening contempt for potential sponsors who backed off as soon as they found out the car was to go faster than the speed of sound. He freely admits he would like to see people sacked for

their decisions. "It's a harsh world," he says, without a flicker of sympathy for those decision-makers who may not have wanted their name associated with a fatality. "You have to understand, we are a very tough little project. People can live or die by the decisions we make." In the end, the Mach I club, a supporters' organisation, raised a quarter of the estimed five million dollar budget (many have flocked to Gerlach to prepare sponsors stumped up the rest.

e also holds a fearsome reputation among the media who have gathered in Gerlach. He is an intimidating man. But, for someone who has a guaran-teed place in history, I find his defensiveness baffling. The sponsors want us to open up 100 per cent to the press, but we don't owe anything to anyone." Is he happy that the press is here? "Yes. it's fine. We can show people what we are capable of.

When I ask whether the Thrust coffers have benefited of the past six years, according from worldwide publicity — as to Sally: "I think about it all well as news coverage, the day and all night. I even



BBC and Discovery Channel are filming documentaries he instructs me that I have "the wrong attitude". He seems not to see a link between press coverage and sponsorship. Perhaps it is frustration at not driving the car. He needed, he says, to dedicate himself to fundraising and it made sense to hand over to a vounger man. "It was not a very easy decision." he admits.

He makes no mention of his family. (Although the entire family is in Gerlach, only Jack trails his father with any genuine enthusiasm.) The Thrust team have seemingly plugged every safety loophole but everyone knows that perils may still lie in taking a car

supersonic. Two days after meeting Noble, I collar Sally in the Gerlach launderette, next to a scrapyard. She looks completely out of place in this desert town. "I'm glad for my children that Richard's not driving," she says. "I've spoken to people who have lost their fathers and they seem to have big hang-ups."

The Thrust project has absorbed "23 hours" of every day dream about it. I wake up feeling tired.

"You never know what's round the corner. It could be stressful to some but it's normal to us. We have had some really hard times, like when we have to pay these guys and we don't know where the money's coming from. But something always turns up, or the overdraft gets bigger." She smiles and savs she doesn't mind. "It's exciting."

The Fastest Car on Earth, Discovery Channel, Sunday, 8om

Lines Open: Monday - Friday 8.30em-7.00pm, Saturday 9.00em - 5.00pm

☐ The Thrust SSC is 54 feet long and weighs ten tonnes. Two Rolls-Royce Spey 202

engines provide 44,000lbs of thrust. It has a top speed of 850 mph. Its driver, Squadron Leader Andy Green, an RAF fighter pilot, describes ☐ The original design was

conceived in 1992 by Ron Ayers (a former chief aero-

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dynamicist in missile deign), Glynne Bowsher and Richard Noble. It was refined over the next three years using computer simulations and 13 supersonic rocket tests.

☐ At top speed, the car will endure 40G of force. If the nose cone lifts or falls by half a

degree, the car will overturn. It is designed to stay absolutely horizontal, or "aerodynamically neutral".

☐ According to the rules set by the FIA, the car must complete two runs in opposite directions over a measured mile within one hour. The narrow time window ensures the two runs are conducted under near-identical conditions.

# Shock in store for a mother

uite soon I shall be coming into unimaginable riches. I don't mean an inheritance or a £100,000 job in the City, but simply that our youngest child is about to go to school, and hence after many years of paying for childcare, I shall be - bereft, it's true, but - substantially richer.

These days, a good nanny can cost more than £10,000 a year, and even the humble childminder can clock in at half that sum. So whatever childcare arrangements you set up for your school-age child, it has to be an improvement on those expensive Having children has a curious effect on

one's sense of time. It is as if the world stops on the year your first child is born. My dress sense, knowledge of fiction and world affairs, and taste in interior decoration all froze in 1988. Fads and fashions have passed me by. Even the fall of the Berlin Wall scarcely impinged upon me. I must be the last woman in England who still has a pair of leggings.

Handing your child over to the education system is a sad business. In every reception class of 30, there will be at least two mothers who, unable to face the loss, are about to get pregnant again. But the system is not without its compensations. You have the feeling that the clock is starting to tick again and that there are all those books to be read, films to be seen and television programmes to stay up for; not to mention, of course, the shopping that needs to be done. Five is a milestone

In the days when we were childless, my for all the family. husband and I were rather talented at shopping for luxuries. That was in the Eighties when an entire economic boom was fuelled by the nation buying things it did not need. I remember wanting coffee pots shaped like rockets; white vases with frilly edges designed by some Scandina-vian architect (and a nightmare for flower arranging), coffee cups with Art Deco designs, a wood-burning stove; a cappuccino maker. And because, of course, there is a sexy aspect to shopping

Motherhood and sprees don't mix, says **Rachel Morris** 



Goodbye gratuitous consumption

shopping.

And then the children came, and although they enriched our lives hugely. they also, at the most basic of levels, with kiddies' pizza.

for luxuries. I remember the early years of our marriage in a haze of love and

impoverished it. In the past nine years we've been to Tesco's and Sainsbury's more times than we can remember, and bought more nappies, loaves of bread and packets of pasta than we ever could have believed. At the same time, clothes have fallen apart and gone unreplaced, and even the remote control has clogged up

Yesterday I went down into town to see and have another one?

what had happened to the world of luxuries since I last sampled it: and, like Rip Van Winkle risen from a long, long sleep. I found that everything had changed. There wasn't a coffee pot shaped like a rocket, nor was there a frilly edged vase in sight. Instead, there were mattblack laptop computers, bleached wooden floors and chiffon scarves stippled and spotted with velvet.

But something else has changed as well. Extravagant shopping is a habit, and during the years of motherhood the habit had deserted me. I looked and was quite unmoved by all the consumer goodies that once would have entranced me. Worse still, a new method of exchange had entered my head: how many children's shoes can you buy for that fancy light

But then I came across something far more seductive to my temperament: a stationery shop in Covent Garden where you can buy blocky Scandinavian tables, pads of paper in bright primary colours, wooden pencils, pens made from Venetian glass, pots of gold-highlighted black ink nothing hugely expensive, but every item luxury, because, the truth is, a wonderful novel can be written with a Biro and a cheap pad from Tesco's. The fancifying of stationery has come on by

leaps and bounds since the 1980s. I browsed there for a while in a dreamy consumer trance, and then went home to stir my partner to the same excitement. But he in the meantime had been looking at my sums on the back of the envelope. "What's all this?" he asked. I explained. "No, no," he said, "You don't understand. We were always operating at a loss. Those hundreds of pounds saved are simply to stop us drifting back into debt." I stared at him. My jaw dropped. In my mind's eye, all those luxuries floated back out of the

And then a thought occurred to me the kind to make a partner faint - if we're not going to be richer by stopping having babies, why not go round the loop again



# Britain's removal van democracy

Don't pack up first-past-the-post,

says Michael Pinto-Duschinsky

o grasp the power of symbols, exemonies. and pageants is to appreciate the essence of political life. This month's carpets of flowers for Diana, Princess of Wales, created a new and potent image of people power". Yet the most important symbol of the sovereignty of the electors is the modest removal van.

It was on the morning of May 2, 1997, only hours after the polls had closed, that the removal vans arrived at 10 Downing Street to ferry away John and Norma Major's belongings. As his possessions were being taken out by a back door, the outgoing Prime Min-ister left by the front door to tender his resignation to the Queeri. He announced that he would proceed as a private citizen from Buckingham Palace to watch a game of cricket at the Kennington Oval. He would also step down as Torv leader. An hour later, Labour supporters gathered in Downing Street to celebrate the Blairs' arrival.

The spectacle of the expulsion of the Majors followed a time-honoured pattern. Lord Callaghan suffered the same fate, as did Wilson. Douglas-Home, and even Churchill on

Electing new

governments

matters less

than ousting

the old ones

the morrow of the Second World War. So little prepared for defeat was Harold Wilson, that he had nowhere else to live and was obliged to camp out for several months in the home of Crossman in Vin-

cent Square. mocracy" has unusual virtues. First, it recognises that the election of MPs is a subsidiary function of national elections. The voters' central role is to reelect or to dismiss govern-ments and Prime Ministers. Second, what is really important is not to select a new government but to be able to oust an existing one. The defining characteristic of ballot box power is the citizens' ability to "throw the rascals out". It is the prospect of al election that provides the incentive for Prime Ministers to heed the public mood.

Third, the electoral system should make it possible for the voters to rid themselves of an unpopular government in a manner that is rapid and direct. The less obvious the connection between voting and the fate of the government, the weaker the voters become and the poorer the operation of democracy.

There can be no doubt of new Labour's appeal now. But there may come a time when voters become as anxious to get rid of Tony Blair as they were last May to dismiss the Tories. If so, there may no longer be a role for the removal van.

If Britain abandons the firstpast-the-post method of electing MPs to Westminster, then future general elections are likely to be followed by a period of negotiation between different potential coalitions. The wishes of the electors will matter less than the ability of the various party leaders to bargain about the distribution of Cabinet posts and other

perks. Provided an outgoing Prime Minister is able to reach the necessary inter-party agreements, he will be almost immune from popular wrath. Under PR, the sitting premier would have been able to remain in office after every general election since the Sec-ond World War — if he had obtained Liberal support.

Mr Blair has a reputation for scepticism about propor-tional representation for elections to the House of Commons. But the main effect of last week's referendum in Scotland will be to create the momentum for a change of the entire electoral system.

The real news about the creation of a parliament in Edinburgh does not concern its powers, or even that the decision to set it up was taken by the first of a whole series of referendums. The vital change is the fact that it will be elected tion. Though 73 members will be elected in single-member constituencies, the overall results will be determined by the allocation of 56 additional members, elected on the German model from party lists. This method of allocating the additional members means that the entire parliament will

be formed on the basis of PR. For a Welsh assembly the the same, but with 40 members elected in single-member constituencies and 20 additional members. Furthermore, the Government

has committed itself Britain's removal van de- to introducing PR for the European elections to be held in June 1999. These developments are bound to create the precedent for PR for Westmin-

ster elections. The introduction of PR for European, Scottish and Welsh elections will lead to fundamental changes for the political parties. PR will involve lists of candidates in an order of preference set by the party hierarchies. This will lead to the further centralisation of party organisations. The legal embedded in public law.

abour held negotiations with the Liberal Democrats before the election. after which it pledged itself to set up a committee to consider alternatives to the first-pastthe-post system. A referendum would then be held within the lifetime of the parliament to decide between the existing system and the chosen method PR. The joint Lib-Lab Cabinet sub-committee, set up to steer a programme of constitutional reform, will ensure that the issue of PR will burgeon. At Eastbourne Liberal Democrat politicians are relishing the imminent prospect of PR, which would mean that instead of being permanently excluded from power, they might find themselves

permanently in office. Despite the manifest will of the British people for less power at the top, the reform process may have unintended side-effects. It will create more centralised, bureaucratic political parties. And it may take away the power of the people to oust the premier.



# How to be a hollow man

ast weekend I was trying to reach my American newsietter co-editor James Davidson; I thought he was in Washington, but he turned out to be in New Zealand. Normally when this happens I get his answering machine, but this time the telephone was answered by his wife, Army. It is one of the civilised aspects of Washington life that she has remained a White House correspondent in good standing, invited to the President's Christmas parties, despite the fact that her husband has been a leading critic of Whitewater and of the President's other Arkansas problems.

Amy Davidson is an excellent White House correspondent; in 1992 she told me, before anyone else did. that Bill Clinton was going to win the Democratic nomination and that he would probably go on to win the election. She had been travelling with the Clinton campaign, and had seen the way the crowds reached out towards the candidate. On Sunday, we were discussing the next American presidential race. She thinks that Bill Clinton has been so successful in the use of the new campaigning afford to nominate anyone who did

not possess similar skills. That is bad news for Al Gore: he is not only in trouble because of Janet Reno's inquiry into campaign funds, but he has about as much "touchyfeely" campaign quality as a wooden cigar-store Indian. It is not much better news for the Republicans. People have been talking up George Bush Jr. he would start with \$30 million-worth of name recognition inherited from his father, but he is no Bill Clinton. Some people think Senator Fred Thomson is the nearest thing the Republicans have to a warm, modern campaigner.

New political skills are needed for the new politics. Politicans used to have to be debaters and orators. Few debates now happen in the United States; they matter much less than they did even in the House of Commons. Michael Howard is one of the most forecful parliamentary debaters: that does him little good because he lacks charm on television. William Hague out-debated Tony Blair last July. Blair's one response to camera on the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, was worth any number of Hague's debating

victories. The formal art of oratory is dying. The last great orator to become Prime With the new politics, it's better to have shone at Rada than the Oxford Union

Minister was Winston Churchill. Iain Macleod, Aneurin Bevan, Enoch Powell and Quentin Hogg were all genuine orators, but all four ended as political near-misses. In America, Ronald Reagan was a great communicator, and John F. Kennedy was a charismatic personality, but the last President to be a real orator was Franklin Roosevelt. There are too few great audiences nowadays; a great speech is too long, too cumbrous and often too aggressive to make good television.

The politics of image has largely replaced the politics of argument, both in the United

States and in Britain. People do still judge their politicians ultimately by results; govern-ments which fail can still be turned out. But unless the

they judge largely by feeling, not by what they think of the politicians' policies. The impression a candidate creates depends on physical appearance, down to the choice of a man's tie or a woman's hairstyle, and on the use of trigger phrases, which need to have positive associations, as in consumer advertising. "New, mod-. ern, proud, happy, young, future, people, hope, love" are the right words for "new" politicians. In person they need to be warm, relaxed and sympathetic, like a good tele-

vision presenter. The new age has a post-cold war, post-Christian, post paternalist culture, more feminine. more intuitive and much less rigorous than the one which preceded it. The values are those described by Richard Barrett, who founded the World Bank's Spiritual Unfoldment Society (a title which in itself tells one a good deal

about the new politics). According to a recent article by Jovcelin Dawes in De Numine - the Alister Hardy Society Newsletter -Barrett highlights "respect for all life. equality of all souls, importance of the common good, responsibility for the whole and unconditional love". These values are sometimes held uncritically: the new politics is genuine in its compassion, but it can suffer

both from a dumbing down and a softening up of political discourse. Bill Clinton owes two election victories to his ability to manipulate the slogans and images of the new politics. Whatever the issue he manages to associate himself with the public mood. His rather goofy expression is adjusted, whether for sympathic grief, humility, relief, joy or whatever is required; his language is adjusted, he uses a few words, and those he does are in no way memorable. He expresses the sentiments one might find on a condolence card. He is not even a particularly good actor;

he is a sentimentalist of genius, a smoked, ham.

This technique has worked wonders for Bill Clinton; indeed it has worked so well that

people do not mind that they perceive him as a phoney, as "slick Willy". They do not think he tells the truth. they certainly do not think he is an admirable human being, but he is a 100 per cent on key as a presenter

Tony Blair is another master of the modern mode. He, too, has perfect pitch, as one saw when he responded to the death of the Princess. But with him it seems genuine. The American people may suspect that Clinton has a hollow centre: the British people do not think that of Blair. They mostly see him as a very genuine person; they think that they would like him if they were to know him personally. That is probably right. I have met Tony Blair only occasionally, but I found him a likeable, open personality. For Blair as a politician this is another layer of strength, one that

Bill Clinton lacks. Both Clinton and Blair have relied on spin-doctors to manipulate public opinion for them. In television terms, the candidate is the presenter of the campaign; he is the public face, but the spin-doctor is at least the coproducer. Spin-doctors are not expected to be nice people. Just as Clinton is a less attractive personality than Blair, so his grey eminence, Dick Morris, is a less sympathetic

person than Peter Mandelson. But the spin-doctor has, in any case, to be a shadow personality for the candidate. The candidate has to be open. warm and innocent. That is what the public likes. But a successful campaign has to have elements of secrecy, coldness and ruthlessness. As the candidate cannot be seen in that light, the spin-doctor has to take on his burden of guilt, which may eventually destroy him.

successful modern politician obviously needs to be a good television performer. Indeed, he or she needs to be better than most television personalities. The sweet television performers, such as Michael Aspel, are too smooth and gentle and would appear weak in a political role. The tough interviewers, like Jeremy Paxman; can be too aggressive, particularly for women viewers; he is gender negative rather than cuddly. The new politician needs to cultivate a manner which is friendly but firm, like Trevor McDonald in Britain, or Larry King on CNN. But he needs to have a more youthful image than either of them. his own thick slice of ham. but relating to the new politics requires much more than performing skill. There has to be a real understanding of the new culture. The Princess of Wales possessed that, though she always emphasised that she was a humanitarian and not a political figure. The difficulty about the new culture is that it is half real, and rather admirable, and half bogus, and rather childish. One never knows, when exploring its literature, whether one will be reading about the transformation of consciousness, or

about laylines at Glastonbury.
Poor William Hague has a long way to go. He will have to grin to camera like Bill Clinton, look as relaxed in shirt sleeves as Tony Blair, share spiritual unfoldment with the World Bank - something I do not believe Margaret Thatcher could have done - learn how to smile. meditate, laugh and cry to camera, and to sympathise with the touching mixture of love, anguish, sympathy and self-doubt which is the characteristic of his generation. He will have to become a "people person". He should really have spent his student life at Rada, rather than the Oxford Union; it would have had more practical value. New age; new politics; new Tories; new Hague.

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Softly,

Saving the two British nurses Lucille McLauchlan and Deb-orah Parry from possible exe-cution and public flogging should be the combined objective of both Saudi and British Governments. Whether they can achieve it may no longer be entirely in their hands. Both are under enormous pressure from public opinion, whether in Saudi Arabia

revert to reticence

or in Britain.
Such has been the outcry over the gruesome prospect of a Western woman being subjected to 500 lashes in front of a Saudi crowd that quiet diplomacy no longer seems an op-tion. Yet that is the only way in which the two accused women can, in the longer run, be extradited without the Saudi Government losing face in the eves of its own citizens, or Britainendangering its trading relations with one of the world's wealthiest

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in some ways, the yawning gap between British and Saudi concepts of justice has narrowed scarcely at all since 1980, when the TV screening of Death of a Princess caused led to a four-month break in diplomatic rela-tions. It may even have widened. We are more than ever outraged by what seems to us a medieval approach to purishment and a trial system which, is the opposite of open justice; we cannot understand why a country apparently anxious to improve links with the West should resist change : when it comes to basic human rights. The fact that the liberally-inclined Saudi Arabian Ambassador in London should have condemned critics in Britain as "bleeding-heart liberals" shows how resistant the Saudis are to Western influence.

It can no longer be claimed that the Saudis are ignorant of the outside world. Since the Gulf War, Saudi Arabia has had growing access to television and radio programmes from abroad, and there is a liberal strand of opinion in Saudi society which might not have existed a generation ago. But among most of its people, Islamic fundamentalism has been the greater influence. Opinion polis — were they to exist — would ~ undoubtedly register Saudi approval of punishments which horrify the

Beheadings, public floggings and harsh prison conditions are considered appropriate sentences and the pillars of Islamic justice. Western pressure to reform them is seen as an attempt to subvert not just a penal but a religious code, and the Saudi Government is well aware of the

There is some justification for the charge of double standards levelled against the West. Amnesty International, which has drawn up damning reports on crime and punishment in Saudi Arabia, has been just as harsh in criticising American states which still exercise the death penalty, and where condemned men linger for years on death row before facing execution. That same organisation has even criticised primitive conditions in some British prisons.

ewspapers which caricature the Saudi regime as punitive and autocratic have often commended countries such as Singapore for meting out stiff sentences including flogging — to juvenile delinquents. They forget that fear of violent crime in Britain is such that, were a referendum to be carried out today, there might well be a resounding majority for restoring capital punishment

That does not mean that we should turn a blind eye to what has happened to Miss McLauchlan and Miss Parry. Everything we have learnt about their case contradicts what we consider to be natural justice. We have seen no evidence, tested in court, that they are guilty or innocent. With no written code in Islamic religious law, an accused person can be held almost indefinitely in custody. There is no automatic right to an open hearing, no access to defence witnesses, and in some cases only prosecution witnesses can be heard. Everything stems from the suspect's confession, and in this case the two accused claim that their original confessions were induced under duress. We have been treated to the unedifying spectacle of their fate being determined by members of the dead woman's family.

All of this offends us. It is understandable that it should do so. If there is such thing as a universal standard of justice, then we, and not the Saudis, are on the right side of it. It would be a great mistake, however, if natural revulsion were to develop into a full-blooded campaign against a whole nation and its system of justice. That would simply alienate its people and tie the hands of its Government. What matters now is not issuing public condemnations. but preventing a horrible punishment being meted out against two

women who may be innocent. The Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook having issued his public denunciation, should revert to reticence. From now on the pressure should be maintained firmly but discreetly. It seems clear that the Saudi Government is anxious to avoid a confrontation with the United Kingdom, and it should be in our interests to achieve the same end. In so doing we will help protect rather than imperil the lives of two British citizens.

# Taxing times

with the Inland Revenue over tax paid by his company. The taxman is considering whether the television presenter's firm should pay

thousands of pounds. The argument is over the Dimbleby Newspaper Group's habit of paying staff as freelancers. leaving them responsible for their own tax. It flared up after a freelance journalist at one of the group's newspapers, the Rich-mond and Twickenham Times, challenged a personal tax demand. He claimed he was working fulltime, in an office and with a desk. yet was being taxed as a freelance - meaning he had to account for this out of his wages of just £23.10 a day. The Revenue wrote back to say that it was investigating the tax

status of Dimbleby's journalists. The group, which has been down through the passed Dimbleby clan, covers eight local papers, published in South London. According to the NUJ, nine journalists are employed across the group on a salary of

£5,775 a year. If the Revenue investigators judge that staff work for "one effective employer", the company

tax. Union toilers are growing very exercised

The NUJ's Tim Gopsill says there is "poverty all around" Mr Dimbleby at his newspapers, and says the union has been lobbying to improve pay and working condi-tions. Sadly, the group's managing director, Harry Lorraine, thought it best not to comment.



"It's not aggression, it's conatructive criticism"



● MIDDLEAGE has failed to diminish the adulation for the actress Faye Dunaway, who has developed a penchant for the London restaurant, the Bombay Brasserie. "She is the only Westerner who can eat lamb mirhci. our spiciest dish," marvels the manager. We've had all the godfathers in here - Pacino, De Niro and Brando — but none have got it down."

### Moor Myra

THOSE wishing to appraise the child murderer. Myra Hindley. will be cheered by a recent revelation by her nonagenarian champion, Lord Longford: he wants to write her biography.

"Myra deserves to be portrayed fairly." suggests Longford. "Everyone remembers her how she was THE PROSPECT of jostling on

when she was arrested, but she's so different now - nothing like the Royal Academy portrait. But I won't approach any publishers until I have Myra's consent."

BEFORE her arrest, Anne Machon, girlfriend of the MIS squealer David Shayler and herself a former agent, entertained herself on the flight into London with a book. Its title? How to Gain American Citizenship.

#### Riff justice

IS the world of rock or of politics the poorer? Archie Kirkwood, Liberal MP, has disclosed how he almost became a pop star. His band, un-wisely named *The Gaylords* and featuring Norman "buster blood vessel" Baker, recently elected Member for Lewes, on vocals, has been called upon to perform every night at this year's conference.

Half of The Gaylords went on to form The Average White Band, which later found success in America. "I had the chance of staying on with them," said Kirkwood, guitar virtuoso. "But chose to go to pharmacy college instead."

#### Fat chance



stage with the fat comedian Jo Brand was simply too much for Julie Christie, an actress of notably svelte proportions.

Both were due to appear at the Hackney Empire in London on Sunday night, in aid of Mind. The show, Having a Funny Turn. promised to "celebrate positive images of mental health" - Brand makes much of the fact that she

was formerly a psychiatric nurse. For Christie, however, there was little positive to celebrate about Brand's bulky frame. "She pulled out at the last minute," says a distraught charity dame. "It was awful - sales waned when people realised she wasn't appearing." Meanwhile, the actress is out of touch. "She's gone abroad," says a member of her circle. "I do



Christie: out of touch

not know where. It is personal."

 JUST two days after his arrival in the capital already the new American Ambassador, Philip Lader, has shown that he is a man of cultural discern. At the launch a restaurant themed on the American sitcom, Cheers, one look at the scarlet baseball-caps and Mayday Malone cocktails was enough. Before the waiters had time to offer him a chocolate-fudge brownie, he was out of the swingdoors and heading home to the

Thank you to everyone involved and particularly to The Times for

helping to bring this about.

#### Restraint of income

From Mr Alfred E. Norris

Sir. Mr Blair's decision (report, September 17) to forgo his salary increase of £41,000 per year is to be applauded. In the same spirit I would call on all

reaching the age of 80.

From Mr J. B. Pollock

Sir, What is going on at the Bassetts in Wiltshire? In Compton Bassett, I read today, an angry villager sabotaged the church bells and the same page carries the titiliating revelation that a JP



#### **CRIME AND PUNISHMENT**

This is no moment for soundbite diplomacy

Robin Cook meets Prince Saud al-Faisal, the Saudi Foreign Minister, tomorrow in New York. The meeting has been long planned but will now inevitably be dominated by discussion of the harsh sentence handed down on Tuesday by a Saudi court on Lucille McLauchlan and the expected verdict on Deborah Parry, the other nurse accused of murder. It could be a difficult meeting. Mr Cook's intemperate remarks denouncing the sentence of 500 lashes as "wholly unacceptable in the modern world" may backfire, complicating the urgent diplomatic attempts

to mitigate the sentence. To the Western mind, flogging is a brutal punishment, particularly if it is carried out on a woman. But Mr Cook has invoked a moral yardstick that, by calling into question the sharia religious law in force in Saudi Arabia, makes it harder to appeal for clemency should that be the final resort.

As Ghazi al-Ghosaibi, the Saudi Ambassador to London, has insisted, the judgment is only the first step in a lengthy procedure. Under Islamic law, all capital cases are automatically referred to a higher court and can then go to the supreme justice council. Exceptional cases such as this may be personally reviewed by King Fahd. Neither the Ambassador nor the King can dictate the sentence or throw out a verdict deemed to be guided by God, But Mr al-Ghosaibi has stated categorically that neither nurse will be beheaded.

His confidence is based on the extraordinary sensitivity that has surrounded this case. The Saudis have had to steer a difficult course between the demands of Islamic law and domestic opinion and the certainty that execution or flogging would inflict lasting damage on relations with Britain. From the outset, therefore, the Saudis have handled the case with exceptional care. The initial interrogation of the two women appears to have been rough, with well-founded suspicion that the police used extreme intimidation to obtain confessions. Yet the women were given quick access to lawyers, who have played an unprecedented role in the proceedings. Visas have been granted to relatives of the nurses; the British Embassy has been kept informed.

Even if the judges have sifted the evidence meticulously, the most vexed aspect of this case is that it has not even been made

Democrats' best hope was a close election

result. Then Tony Blair might have had to

rely upon them for help. Nobody believed

that there was any chance of Paddy Ash-

down's party wielding power without an

accident of parliamentary arithmetic. Yet

the Liberal Democrat leader, with four of his

colleagues, is now sitting at the Cabinet table influencing the enactment of the party's

most cherished aim: constitutional reform.

One might have thought that the party would be grateful to have been offered this

opportunity by a Prime Minister with a 179-

strong majority of his own. Already they

have won a firm promise of proportional

representation for the 1999 European elec-

tions, as well as for the Scottish and Welsh

assemblies. They have devolution, for which

they fought for a century. Soon they will

have incorporation of the European Conven-

tion on Human Rights and, a little later, a

Freedom of Information Bill. The Liberal

Democrats are at last a part of long-sought

That some of them are unhappy with this

result illustrates the party's divisions. Most

of its activists are local councillors, some of

them running multi-million pound budgets.

Labour councillors are usually seen as the

enemy, and even if the two parties work

together in coalition, relations can be

fractious. Labour in local government is

largely unreformed - there is still a large

cultural, social and ideological gulf between

old Labour and the Lib Dems. But between

new Labour and the Lib Dems there is very

changes in the way this country is governed.

available to the defence lawyers, much less laid out in open court. Justice will not have been seen to be done. The defence lawyers hope that this will be remedied on appeal; if sharia is to command secular respect, their

request must be met. Another complication has been the public wrangling over the attempt to induce the brother of Yvonne Gilford to waive his right to insist on the nurses' execution. Islamic law allows for clemency provided the nearest male relation is satisfied — usually with the payment of "diya" or blood money. Acting through intermediaries, the Saudis put considerable pressure on Mr Gilford to agree to such a step. He, however, was adamant that the death penalty should be enforced. It now appears that he has relented - but at a price, according to the nurses' lawyers, of \$1.2 million, a sum far beyond their families' means. A Westerner's greed could yet deny the nurses the clemency

that Saudi custom makes possible. The House of Saud is extremely sensitive to suggestions that it deals with Westerners and Christians more leniently than with its own citizens and other foreigners. Dissident exiles taunt the royal family for their links with the West. Any initial verdict strikingly at odds with normal practice would be seized on by fundamentalists to bolster their accusations. The Saudis may therefore be counting on the initial publicity to demonstrate adherence to the sharia while hoping that a less public verdict by the appeals courts will moderate the sentence.

Angry denunciations of the Saudi judgment are counter-productive and only exacerbate a clash of cultures. Sharia law is not Western law, but is respected by Muslims and is gaining ground in the Middle East rather than waning. To denounce the verdict as unacceptable implies that unless Western norms should prevail, the judicial process is unjust. It also implies that Britain has the will and means to change the verdict which it patently does not. Such talk can only harden opinion in Riyadh. Persuasion must be tried, but always with the understanding that tough words which gain ministers favourable British headlines may not help the accused. It is as important as it will be difficult to ensure an outcome that preserves the vital relationship between Britain and an important Arab ally.

quite comfortably on the Commmons

benches alongside Mr Blair. The Prime

Minister's views are barely distinguishable

from those of Lord Jenkins of Hillhead.

Though they would be reluctant to admit it,

all these men are from the same broad tribe.

convey to his activists yesterday. "I don't believe," he said, "that the only liberals in

Britain are necessarily to be found in the

Liberal Democrats . . . British politics is now

entering one of its most fluid periods in this

century." At last, he argued, 16 years after

the new SDP promised to break the mould,

There are, of course, advantages to Mr

Blair too in co-opting the Lib Dems into his

"project". This tentative alliance allows him

to tap into their expertise on the minutiae of

constitutional issues, which they have been

studying for far longer than Labour. For all

Mr Ashdown's protestations, it may make

the Lib Dems a more emollient opposition in

Parliament. But, most importantly, it is the

first step in the Labour leader's attempt to

If Liberal activists are unwilling to enter

into that realignment, then they may as well

lay to rest any ambition to change more than

the site of their local pelican crossing. If they

insist on remaining inward-looking, tribal

and ideologically purist, they may just hold

on to their grip on street-cleaning and school

dinners. But nationally, voters are likely to

treat them as they did the inward-looking,

tribal and ideologically purist Labour Party

reunite the centre-left forces in Britain.

it "is beginning to crack."

This is what Mr Ashdown was trying to

From Professor Earl Russell

Sir, Labour are now telling the Liberal Democrats we cannot pick and choose on which issues we co-operate with them. They say we cannot continue to co-operate on constitutional reform unless we change our policies on taxation and spending. They ask us for what we cannot give. We cannot go before the voters believing we are unable to offer effective remedies for some 80 per cent of the grievances they ask us to redress.

Before they burn their boats, Labour should ask ministers in the Lords whether, when the devolution Bill is before us, they wish to dispense with the co-operation we freely gave them on the Referendum Bill. Indeed, they should ask whether they have the power to stop us co-operating when we want to. Whether they like it or not, Labour must continue to co-operate with the Liberal Democrats on constitutional reform. Otherwise they will not get their business through the

Yours sincerely, RUSSELL, House of Lords. September 24.

From Mr Adrian Slade

Sir. Peter Mandelson's criticisms of Paddy Ashdown ("Pipe down Paddy. you need Labour". September 23) should not surprise Liberal Democrats but simply confirm that the consultative committee Mr Mandelson has helped to set up, in the name of pluralism and the new politics, is a heffalump trap lined with hidden

The Tories having emasculated themselves as an Opposition, why not buy off the Liberal Democrats with a voice in Cabinet on constitutional issues, on the understanding, of course, that they do not criticise the Government on other issues? When you have a large majority, you do not need to work with other parties, but it

flatters them and can keep them quiet. Charles Kennedy is right that there s a huge opportunity for the Liberal Democrats to become the effective, as well as constructive, opposition to Labour. Richard Holme is wrong to assume that Liberal Democrats who feel uncomfortable with the constitutional committee are against coalition when the election result, or voting system, dictates. But in this Parliament, with a Government majority of 178, it

does not. With or without Liberal Democrat involvement, the Labour Government can still do what it wants when it wants. Without meaningful opposition it undoubtedly will.

Yours faithfully, ADRIAN SLADE (President, Liberal Party, 1987-88), 28 St Leonards Road, SW14. September 23.

#### London rats

From Mr Andrew Butler

slow and agonising death as the poison causes massive internal haemorrhaging usually manifested by profuse bleeding from the eyes, then it is

Perhaps, therefore, "sensitive" is not strong enough a word for the reaction rats have to poisons. "Insensitive" is certainly not strong enough a word for the actions of Kensington & Chelsea council.

tion programmes are just two of the alternative ways of dealing with this

A. BUTLER (UK Representative, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals). PO Box 3169, London SW15 3ZG.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

#### Pensions mis-selling: commissions vs salaries and fees

From the Chief Executive of Allied Dunbar Assurance

Sir. You declare that switching from commission to fees and salaries is the only way the public will regain its trust in the insurance industry (lead-ing article, "Beyond shame", September 19). I think you are misguided.

The problems of pensions misselling were not caused by the way salesmen are paid. If they were, you would expect all the companies on the Economic Secretary to the Treasury's "naming and shaming" list to have paid their salesmen by commission. In fact, there is a fair mixture of commission and salary-based sales forces.

These problems were caused by, among other reasons, a failure of checking and monitoring systems throughout the industry - systems which have since been developed, significantly strengthened and rigorously monitored specifically to prevent similar problems from occurring in the future. The main effect of a ban on commission would be to deny vital financial advice to large numbers of

To do their job properly, financial advisers must carry out a great deal of costly research and consultation with each potential client in the early years before the client decides to buy, often at a time when the client may not be earning much income. Force people to pay fees of several hundred pounds up front without knowing if they want to

Labour and Lib Dems

purchase a product and many, probbly most, would choose not to bother. That being the case, how then would the Government meet its aim to encourage people to make their own financial provisions?

Commission charged to the product has the effect of spreading costs over many years, and therefore encourages the client to consult an adviser and think long-term - to the client's benefit. We ban commissions at our peril.

Yours faithfully, A. STEPHEN MELCHER, Chief Executive, Allied Dunbar Assurance plc, Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SNI IEL. September 19.

From Mr Kelth Douglas

Sir. I agree with the view expressed in your leader that pensions salesmen and independent financial advisers should be paid salaries or fees rather

Under a fee-based system the amounts charged by advisers would be more closely scrutinised for value for money. Handing over a cheque for £1,000 for advice is very different from having the same amount deducted from your first two or three years' investments. I don't believe that the majority of investors will accept fees at the levels required to replace existing commission-based incomes.

A fee-based system will require the

From Mr Richard Ottaway, MP for

Sir, Next May, following the precedents of Scotland and Wales, London-

ers will be invited to participate in a

referendum on the Government's pro-

posals for a Greater London authority

comprising a mayor and an assembly.

Both proposals should be considered

separately in a two-question referen-

There are merits in the proposal for

a directly elected mayor, which the

Conservative Party supports. He or

she will be a voice for London, a

champion of Londoners and will have

a mandate to promote London on the

There are, however, conflicting views as to whether or not a Greater

London authority would have the

same effectiveness. Londoners are al-

ready well represented by 32 London

boroughs with a wealth of expertise

layer of local government is un-necessary, bureaucratic and costly. It

Sir, Many of us are increasingly in-

debted to daily doses of Dr Tom Stut-

taford. Seeing his name each morning

reminds me to swallow a "blood

His articles, including the extracts from his book on alcohol (September

13-17; letters, September 20) provide a

welcome aritidote to half a century of

censure against life's little enjoy-

ments. At last there is reassurance

that moderate indulgences are not

only good for us (physiologically as

well as psychologically) but promise

As for the measure, it is hardly to be

regretted that two to four glasses of

claret a day, with meals, may well prove to be more effective than drink-

heers to our greatest guru.

North Street, Wincanton, Somerset.

Sir. Every time a claim is made that

drink is good for you, practising alco-

Immigration queues

Sir, Today's item, "So tired of waiting"

(Inns and Outs, Law) misrepresents

the situation in the Immigration

Directorate's Public Enquiry Office

The PEO provides a free service

aimed at individuals. Many have

travelled long distances, at their own

expense, to see our staff. On some

They are not "City lawyers and businessmen" camping out all night,

but couriers representing paid agents

delivering block applications from

days, we see over 1,000 people.

(PEO) at Lunar House in Croydon.

From the Home Office Minister

Drink and health

From Mr Rodney Legg

thinning" aspirin tablet.

to be livesaving.

ng just one.

Yours sincerely, RODNEY LEGG,

The National School,

From Mr Eric Sjogren

/ believe that an additional

and experience of local government.

world and national stage.

Croydon South (Conservative)

Opposition view on London's future

Londoners.

bly (yes or no)?

fully debated.

September 22.

and refuse help.

moderation.

businesses?

Yours sincerely.

1180 Brussels.

September 15.

wait longer.

Yours sincerely

Home Office,

September 23.

MIKE O'BRIEN.

ERIC SJOGREN,

37 rue Groeselenberg,

Yours faithfully

RICHARD OTTAWAY

House of Commons.

salesmen in the industry to adjust their income expectations to more rea-sonable levels, to the benefit of their customers. That is why the industry will not willingly abolish commissionbased selling.

Yours faithfully, KEITH DOUGLAS, 4 Thickwillow, Godmanchester Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. keithdouglas@compuserve.com September 19.

From Mr Philip Prior

Sir, May I suggest that the answer to the mis-selling problem is for the Government to ban the companies concerned from selling any more pension schemes until the matter is put right. I fancy that the effect would be

instantaneous. Yours sincerely PHILIP PRIOR, 135 Chalmers Street, Dunfermline, Fife. September 20.

From Mr David Crawford Sir, All I read about is mis-selling of pensions. Was there no mis-buying?

Yours faithfully, DAVID CRAWFORD, Mill Bridge, Bell Busk, Skipton-in-Craven, North Yorkshire.

will add nothing to the better govern-

ment of London and will probably be

a backward step. There will be conflict

between the boroughs and the autho-

rity, between the assembly and the mayor. This will lead to indecisive-

ness and gridlock, to the detriment of

Under the circumstances, the Con-

servative Party believes there should

be two questions in the referendum:

do Londoners want (i) a mayor (yes or

no) and (ii) a Greater London assem-

For varying reasons others may

want an authority and not a mayor.

Whatever their position, a true sound-

ing of Londoners' feelings cannot be

achieved by grouping these proposals

together in a single question. There

must be two separate questions where

the merits of both proposals can be

(Opposition Spokesman for London),

holics around the world stand up and

cheer. They have just been handed an-

other argument to continue drinking

Dr Stuttaford takes care to point out

that his recommendations refer to

moderate drinkers. For every non-

drinking, recovering alcoholic there are vast numbers of active alcoholics

who insist that they always drink in

died. How many other alcohol-related

traffic deaths go unreported every

day? Nations do not mourn them, but

families do. How many suicides?

How many battered women, abused

children, ruined careers, bankrupt

I cast no aspersion on Dr Stutta-

ford's agenda or the validity of the

findings he reports. But every medical man must be aware of side effects, and

the side effect of his book, magnified

through your serialisation, is to en-

courage "moderate" drinkers in the pursuit of their deadly addiction.

clients. If these are handled as one

enquiry lengthy queues develop and individual applicants are made to

To make this fairer, staff now

examine one case per person and use

a fast-track postal system which deals

with individual applications in a few

designated day when they can present

distinguished cleric, have been senior

pro-chancellors, acting, inter alia, as

Chairman of Senate, the university's

governing body. However Professor

McAleese, as you stated, was "the university's first woman pro-vice-chan-

The Queen's University of Belfast,

up to six applications in one go.

50 Queen Anne's Gate, SWI.

Agents are invited to come on a

September 19.

forces and unnerve his enemies, even from beyond the grave. If the drum were extant, no doubt we should see it in the Royal Academy before too long.

The right stuff for

military greatness

From Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin

Sir, Reading Colonel Lanning's

league table of military leaders and

the subsequent correspondence in

your columns (reports, September 15; letters, September 17, 20), I reflect that

very many of the generals would not have reached the battlefields without

assured free use of the sea and enough

ships to keep them supplied with the

command of everything." Themisto-

Sir. Colonel Lanning's list should surely take account of leaders whose

victories significantly changed the practice and technology of war.

was effected by the siege guns of Mo-

hammed U, breaching walls that had

stood firm for a thousand years. This

awesome firepower marked a turning

The Hussite Wars between reli-

gious factions in 15th century Bohe-

mia saw the first effective use of tanks

and hand-guns under the charismatic

leadership of the blind general Ziska von Troknov (1370-1424). Here is a man of noted fame, if only for the

story (which Montaigne relates) that Ziska wished his own dead body to be

flayed and turned into a drum-skin, so

that he could continue to rally his

The fall of Constantinople in 1453

"He who commands the sea has

necessities of war.

Yours sincerely,

House of Lords.

point in history.

September 20.

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cles. 500BC. Still true.

From Mr Clive Fairweather

Yours sincerely CLIVE FAIRWEATHER, 3 Bow Road. Harbertonford, Totnes, Devon. September 22.

From Mr Bernard Kaukas

Sir, For an American lieutenant-colonel to place Montgomery 32 places above General Patton (no 95) in his list of military leaders shows great discernment — but even greater courage.

Yours faithfully, BERNARD KAUKAS, 13 Lynwood Road,

From Mr Peter Ewart

Sir. So George Washington was the greatest commander of all, because without him there would have been no United States.

How ironic that your report appeared on Battle of Britain Day, and that no place at all was found in the list for

Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding. Yours faithfully, PETER EWART.

Gipsy Court Cottage, Shatterling, Canterbury, Kent. September 22.

Treasure trove It seems that drink played a part in the crash in which Princess Diana

From Mr David Graham

Sir. Eight years ago the Surrey Archaeological Society started a campaign for the reform of the ancient law of treasure trove with a letter to The Times (October 28, 1989). Today (September 24), after a great deal of work by many individuals and organisations, the new Treasure Act comes into force, replacing a law dating from the time of Richard the Lionheart. An historic moment for anyone interested in the nation's heritage.

Yours faithfully: DAVID GRAHAM (Vice-President). Surrey Archaeological Society. Castle Arch, Guildford, Surrey. david-graham@classic.msn.com September 24.

my fellow pensioners not to accept their increase of 25p per week when

Yours faithfully. A. E. NORRIS. Sea Winds, 14 Beacon Heights, Point Clear, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. September 17.

#### Wild Wiltshire

bared her bum in Wootton Bassett.

However, even though these reports were on page 3 there was no accompanying photo of the latter - what a swiz - but it all makes a change from the corn circle reports of a decade ago.

Yours sincerely, J. B. POLLOCK, Oyster Cottage, Mill Yard, Burnham Market, Norfolk. Sertember 18.

#### of the 1980s. little difference. Menzies Campbell, Robert

**PURITY AND POWER** 

The strange dithering of Liberal England

This time six months ago, the Liberal Maclennan and even Mr Ashdown could sit

However it first rose, it will always cast a spell for romantics

MAN ON THE MOON

The Moon may have been made in less than a year. This post-creationist theory follows a long train of explanations of the genesis of Earth's lesser light that rules the night. Erasmus suggested that the Moon was made of green cheese. He may have been teasing. But, as our Science Editor reports today, the new explanation is that the Moon was created in a cosmological flash shorter than the time taken to mature a decent Dutch cheese.

Since man first saw the hidden side of Earth's Moon and landed on its surface, less than 30 years ago, it has emerged as one of the most peculiar bodies in the Solar System. For it is disproportionately too big and too lightweight for its place in the heavens. Its low density is caused by a shortage of iron. And its anaemia and other peculiarities have become questions to puzzle the cosmologists.

Science, though, is willing to speculate. The fission hypothesis suggests the Moon was thrown off a rapidly rotating young planet, in which Earth's iron had already settled into the core. Some say that the Moon "coaccreted" from a disk of smaller bodies (planetesimals) captured into Earth's orbit. Others suggest that the wandering Moon was attracted into orbit intact. The data obtained from the Apollo lunar programme is so anomalous that a modern Erasmus could joke that the only explanation is observational error: the Moon does not really exist.

The latest theory posits a giant collision. An exceptionally large planetesimal struck the Earth off-centre, vaporising much of its crust and mantle into a disk of debris swirling around the planet. This accreted into the Moon. Scientists from Colorado University have been simulating such a primal impact on computers, and today they publish their conclusions. Their models suggest that the body that hit the Earth was much bigger than previously supposed, at least three times the size of Mars. That the debris coalesced in less than a year. That for a while Earth may have had two moons.

The scientists are to be congratulated on their latest fascinating beam of moonshine. But the White Goddess of romance and myth, the controversially feminine principle receiving its light from the Sun, is too old a wonder to be explained away by computer simulation. The Moon is one of the few bodies familiar to everyone on Earth. And it will retain its nightly mystery even when man is sure how it got up there.

Sir, According to Kensington & Chelsea council, "rats are still sensitive to the poisons we use" (Body and mind,

September 11).

If by "sensitive" the council means

Humane trapping and contracepproblem.

Yours sincerely.

Catholics at Queens

From Sir Gordon Beveridge, Vice-Chancellor of The Queen's University of Belfast

Sir, Your report of September 18, headed "Women-only battle for Irish presidency", claims that Professor Mary McAleese, a candidate for the presidency, was "the first Catholic to gain a senior position in Queen's". This is incorrect.

Roman Catholics have been professors, heads of department, directors of schools and institutes, deans of faculties and pro-vice-chancellor, in the years prior to Professor McAleese's

appointment. Two Roman Catholics, including a

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

Yours sincerely, GORDON BEVERIDGE,

Vice-Chancellor,

Belfast BT7 INN.

September 22.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

KENSINGTON PALACE September 24: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, this afternoon attended a Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the Society's National Centre, Curtain

Road, London ECZ.
Her Royal Highness. President, this evening attended the opening performance of the Royal Ballet's season at the Labatt's Apollo, Hammersmith, London Wo. KENSINGTON PALACE

Duchess of Gloucester today visited Northumberland and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (the Viscount Ridley

KG).
Their Royal Highnesses this morning visited Amble and viewed the regeneration plan for the town. The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon visited Lindisfame Castle, Holy Island. Their Royal Highnesses later visited Bamburgh Castle.
The Duke and Duchess of

Gloucester afterwards visited the Grace Darling Museum at St Aidan's Parish Church. Bamburgh. YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE September 24: The Duke of Kent. President, the Royal National Life-

#### Birthdays today

N.W. Ayrton, theatre and opera director, 73; Mr Ronnie Barker, actor, 68: Sir Leon Brittan, QC, a actor, 68: Sir Leon Britan, Q.C. a vice-president of the European Commission, 58; Sir Colin Davis. conductor, 70; Mr Martin Dermott, rugby league player, 30; Mr Michael Douglas, actor, 53; Sir John Farr, former MP, 75; Sir John Farr, former MP, 75; Sir Plorizel Glasspole former, Cons Florizel Glasspole, former Gov-ernor-General of Jamaica, 88; Mr John Hills, rucehorse trainer, 37; Sir David Hunt, former diplomat, 84; General Sir Edward Jones, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, 61: Miss Felicity Kendal. actress. 51: Professor Sir William Mitchell, FRS, physicist, 72: Mr Timothy Severin, author and explorer. 57: Miss Vivien Stern, former director, Nacro, 56; Commandant Daphne Swallow, for-mer director, WRNS, 65; Miss Rowena Vining, former diplomat, 76; Mr Nicholas Wood, former president, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 49.

#### Wansbrough

Saturday, October 25, at 2pm.

#### Retirement

Judge Davidson, QC, redred from the Midland and Oxford Circuit

ROSS - On Sunday 21st September 1997 in Los Angeles, to Andrea (née Pock) and Robert, a

beat Institution, this afternoon named the Royal National Life-boat "Pride of the Humber" at Hull Marina, Kingston-upon-Hull, and was received by Mr Thomas Boyd (Deputy Lieutenant for the East Riding of Yorkshire). Her Royal Highness, Patron, the London Philharmonic, this evening attended a Concert given by the London Philharmonic Or-chestra and Choir at the Royal

Festival Hall, London SEI. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE September 24: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened the Wornen's Royal Voluntary Service Stew-art House Coffee Shop in Looms Lane, Bury St Edmunds, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk (the Lord

Her Royal Highness subsequently opened the new wing of St Edmurds Hospital, St Mary's Square, Bury St Edmunds. Princess Alexandra, President, Ister visited the Imperial Cancer Research Fund Shop, 26 Abbeygate Street, Bury St

Her Royal Highness, Patron of the Fiftieth Anniversary Year of the London Philharmonic Choir, this evening attended a Concert given by the London Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir at the Royal Pestival Hall, London SEI.

dinner held last night in Antrim.

Benevolent Fund

General Sir Robert Ford retired as

President of the Army Benevolent Fund on September 24, 1997, and has been succeeded in that appointment by Field Marshal Lord Inge.

Farriers' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Parriers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mrs D.M. Pagan; Upper Warden, Mr T.F.M. Head: Middle Warden, Mr R.J. Crocker: Renter Warden, Lady Graham.

The Army

#### Dinners

Professor Struther Arnott, FRS, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of St Andrews, 63; Mr Basketmakers' Company The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Sheriff and Mrs Knowles, attended the annual dinner of the Basketmakers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr John Heffernan, Prime Warden, presided. The Lord Mayor, Mr Douglas Imrie-Brown, Junior Warden, and Mr Ma Zhengang. Ambassador of China, also spoke. Defence and Security Forum Mr Martin Bell, MP, was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Defence and Security Forum, held last night at the Carlton Club. Lady Olga Maitland, president, was in Service dinner The Royal Irish Regiment Colonel R.G. Rowe. Colonel of The Royal Irish Regiment, presided at a Colonel-in-Chief's Draing Club

#### Mrs Nancy

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Nancy Wansbrough will be held in Winchester Cathedral on



Lady Junor, widow of Sir John, with their daughter Penny and three of the grandchildren yesterday

#### Memorial service: Sir John Junor

A service of thanksgiving and celebration for the life of Sir John Junor, former Editor of the Sunday Express, was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street, Canon John Oates

Mr Sam Leith, grandson, read the lesson. Miss Penny Junor, daughter, and Mr Peter McKay read from a selection of John Junor's writings. Mr Roderick Junor, son, read Ebbtide at Sundown by Michael Field and Viscount Rothermere, Chairman, Daily Mail and General Trust, gave an address.
Niall Rowantree from Fenes College, Edin-

burgh, played the bagpipes, Mr John Major, MP, attended and the Leader of HM Opposition was represented by Mr Charles Hendry, Among others present were: Charles Hendry, Among others present were Lady Junor (widow), Mrs Roderick Junor (daughter-in-law), Mr James Leith (son-in-law), Mr Alexander Leith, Jack and Peta Leith (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Muir Junor, Mr Neal Junor and Mr Alistair Junor.

Viscountess Rothermere, Sir David English (chairman, Associated Newspapers) with Mr Paul Dacre (Editor, Daily Mail), Mr Jonathan Holborow (Editor, The Mail, on Sunday), Mr Roderick Güchrist (Deputy Editor), Mr Louis kirty (Editor, UK Mail), Mr Vyvyan Harmsworth

School

Saint Felia School for Girls

The Governors of Saint Felix

announce the appointment of Mr Richard Williams as Headmaster.

Mr Williams is currently Deputy Head of Queen Margaret's School,

York and will take up his appointment at Saint Pelix in January, 1998.

The Headmaster, Mr C. Diggory, and the Chairman of the Latymer Foundation. Dr J. Edelman, CBE, were the hosts at a Dinner held on

Toesday night at Latymer Upper School after the annual Prize Giving Ceremony. The Right Revd Michael Colclough, Bishop of Ken-

sington, was the Guest of Honour.

Mr G. Gurney, Chairman of the

Old Latymerian Association, Gov-

ernors, staff and other guests, were among those present.

Latymer Upper School, Lendon We

news

(Director of Corporate Affairs, Dally Mail and General Trusti and past and present members of the group.

Lord Deedes, Lord and Lady Barber, Lord Tebbil, CH, Lady Shawcross, Lord St John of Fawsiey, Lord King of Wartnaby, Mr Richard Ryder, the Horn Alan Clark, MP, Lady Olga Makiland, the Hon Leremy Deedes (managing director, Telegraph Group) the Hon Lady Dundas, Sir Denis Thaicher, Sir Edward Pickering, Sir Bernard Ingham, Sir Gordon Reece, Sir George Gardiner.

Mr Stuart Kuttner (Managing Editor, News of the World), Mr Charles Wilson (managing director, Mirror Group), Mr Richard Addis (The Express) with Mr John McEntee and other past and present members of staft: Mr Henry Macrory Assistant Editor, Tae Daily Staft, Mr Charles Garside (The European), Mr John Knight (East African Standard, Nalirobi).

Mr Stewart Steven, Mr Richard Ingrams, Mr A NWISon, Mr Nigel Dempster. Mr Peter Tory, Mr Brian Vine, Mr Milton Shulman, Mr Alexander Walker, Ms Clare Latimer, Mr Eric Sykes, Mr Ned Sherrin, Mrs Edward Surro, Mrs E Cundy-Cooper, Mr and Mrs Peter Dacre, Mr and Mrs Brian Nicholson, Mr John Bird, Mr Bernard Shrimsley, Mr Arthur Brittenden, Mr Robert Edwards, Mr Charles Anson, Mr J Howard Macdonald, the Rev Christopher Bilssard-Barnes, Mr Anthony Marshall, Mr Craig Orr, Mr Geoff Powell, Mr Stuart Sawage, Dr Mary Nicol, Mr and Mrs Tom Unley, Mr James Murray, Mrs Pauline Kavanagh, Mr Roy Sellwood.

Mr David Gibson, Ms Sally Staples, Mr John Morley, Mr Lewis de Pries, Miss Sally Brampion.

Mr Alan Hoby, Mr David Wigg, Mr David Burnside, Mr Andrew Edwards, Mr Michael Dove, Mr Michael Warts, Mr David Broad, Mr Ian Benfield, Mr James Nicoll, Mr John Edwards, Mr Geoffrey Levy, Mr M Murphy, Mr F Laen Oldinam, Mr Ken Lawrence, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Parkes, Mr Max Davidson, Ms Penny Hart, Mr Douglas Howell, Mr Rodney Bennett-England, Mr B Park, Mr Frank Robson, Mr Simon Courtauld, Mr David Striling, Mr Alan Davidskins, Mr Alan Dickie, Miss Alison Meek, Mr Russell Forgham, Mr William Massie, Mr Clive Hirschhorn, Mr Seamus Potter, Mr Richard Compton Miller, Miss Glenys Roberts, Miss Murfel Bowen, Mr James Leason, Mr Cline Hirschhorn, Mr Seamus Potter, Mr Richard Compton Miller, Miss Glenys Roberts, Miss Murfel Bowen, Mr James Leason, Mr Charles Whitby, QC, Mr Pearson Philips, Mr Peter Chambers, Mr Fenton Bressier, Mr David Gibson, Mr Derek Bristow, Mr Ross Benson, Mr David Fitzpatrick, Miss Philippa Kennedy, Ms Gill Martin, Mr Tim Satchell, Mr Peter Grosvenor, Ms Melanie McDonagh, Mr Peter Brosvenor, Ms Melanie McDonagh, Mr Peter Robin Findlay (Newspaper Press Edwards (BBC, Wales), Mr Mark Hamilton (PA Law Cours), Mr Robin Findlay (Newspaper Press Fund), Mr Don Short (Solo Books), Mr Alan Peatling (RNA Fleet Street branch), Mr Michael Simmonds and Mr T S Corrigan (Walson, Mr John N Wates, Mr David Vacha and Mr 1 R Scott Jashurn Morris Crispi Mr Michael Moriart, and Mr Chris Underwood (IOD) and many other Irlends and former colleagues.

#### **Anniversaries**

actor, London, 1987.

The first transfusion using human

blood, as opposed to animal blood.

took place at Guy's Hospital,

Britain's first motor bus service

Catalonia in Spain became autono-

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Toronto, 1932. DEATHS: Johann Heinrich Lambert, mathematician, Bertin, 1777: Johann Strauss the Elder, violinist and composer, Vienna, 1849; John Watson, psychologist, New York, thor of All Quiet on the Western Front, Locarno. 1970; Walter Pidgeon, film actor, Santa Monica,

#### Luncheons California, 1984; Emlyn Williams,

Mr George Robertson, Secretary of State for Defence, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of Dr Tony Tan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Singa-

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Mr Iain Duncan Smith. Opposition spokesman for social security, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Carlton Club Political Committee committee, presided.

#### Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.A. Catmer and Miss N.M.E. Turton The engagement is announced between David Alan, son of the late Mr Peter Cannur and of Mrs Catmur, of Otham, Kent, and Natalia Maud Elizabeth, elder daughter of the Hon Gerald and Mrs Turton, of Thirsk, North Yorkshire.

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Mr J.W.G. Newall and Miss S.B. Allison

The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Jamie Newall, Coldstream Guards, younger son of Sir Paul and Lady Newall, of Yoxford. Suffolk, and Sacha, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Allison. of Harcourt Hill, Oxford. Mr J.A.S. Henderson

and Miss C.D. Carliste The engagement is announced between James, son of Colonel and Mrs Dugald Henderson, of Tisbury, Wiltshire, and Celia, Tisbury. youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Carlisle, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire. Mr T.M. Skinner and Miss S.D. Wheeler

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Mr G.I. Townsend and Miss R.E.C. Green The engagement is announced between Gavin, first son of Mr and Mrs John Townsend, of Fairmile head, Edinburgh, and Rachel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Martyn Hardman Green, of Heighington Village, County Durham.

Mr C. Ward-Jackson and Miss F.L. Garland The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr Peter Ward-Jackson and the late Mrs Ward-Jackson, of London, and Fiona, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs William Garland, of Dalrymple, Ayrshire.

Mr M.M.G. Wright and Miss S.L. Winde The engagement is announ between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Wright, of Reigate, Surrey, and Sophia, daughter of the Revd and Mrs Clive Windebank, of Streatley-on-

and Miss J.S. Tydeman The engagement is announced between Neil Robert, son of Dr Peter and Dr Jennifer Bennett, of Bath, and Jacqueline Sara, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Tony Tydeman.

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and Miss C. Grier between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs John Brewer, of Deddington, Oxfordshire, and Cally, dauginger of Mr and Mrs Robin Grier, of Villiera Wine Estate, South Africa.

#### Marriages

Mr J.D.S. Heal and Ms J.A.M. O'Dwyer The marriage took place on Friday, September 19, at \$1. Dun-stan's, Bourne End, Buckingham-shire, of Mr James Heal, eldest son of the Rev D.W. and Mrs Heal, of Ceredigion and the Algarve, to Ms. Jackie O'Dwyer, daughter of Mrs Nora Sands and the late Mr Cecil Sands, of Kilrush, Co Clare, Ire-land. Father Michael Griffiths and the Rev David Heal officiated.

the Rev David Heal officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr Mike Wright, best friend of the late Cecil Sands, was attended by Mrs Marie Murray and her daughter Niamh, and Mrs. Brid Vaughan. Captain Edward Heal was best man.

Mr Richard Noden and Padrale O'Dwyer were groonsmen.
A reception was held in Monkey
Island Hotel, Bray, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr DAE Leach and Signorina S. Gazzo The marriage took place on Sunday, September 14, 1997, at the Chiesa di Santo Domenico, Cosenza, Italy, of Mr Alan Leach, youngest son of Dr and Mrs Rodney Leach, of Grasmere, Cumbria, to

Signorina Soula Guzzo, only daughter of Signor and Signora Alionso Guzzo, of Cosenza, Calabrin, Italy. Mr and Mrs D.A.E. Leach will live in London. Mr P.M. Murphy and Mrs B.R. Wightman The marriage took place on September 13 at St Margarets Church, Newton, Cambridge, be-tween Mr Peter Murphy and Mrs

#### Latest wills

The 2nd Baron Horder, Chairman of Gerald Duckworth and Co, 1948-70, of London NWS, left estate valued at £202.515 net. Raymond Candwell, of North

Cotes, Grimsby, Humberside, left estate valued at £4,392,393 net. Margaret-Helene Markus, of London SWI, left estate valued at

EA-60, 976 net.

She left shares in her residuery exame to wood Green Animal Shelters, Redwings Horse Sanctuary, Animal Health Trust, Royal Marsden Rospital Cancer Fund and St Christopher's Hospital

Millicent Joan Burfitt, of Malden head, Berkshire, left estate valued at £2.513.981 net. Patrick David Cheeseman, of Nut-

ley. Uckfield, East Sussex, left estate valued at £2,350,748 net. Rosemary Enid Newton, of er Hill He ford, left estate valued at £1,031,292

Martha Joyce Norman, of

Southsea, Hampshire, left estate valued at £1,896,930 net. She left £500 to the Marie Curle Memorial Foundation. Walter Oppenheimer, of London NWII, left estate valued at EL294.613 net.

Antoinette Powell-Cotton, of Mar-gate, Kent, left estate valued at £1,713,122 not. Sydney Francis Profitt, of Penn, Wolverhampton, left estate valued at £1.065,640 net.

William - Edward Smith, of Codsall, Wolverhampton, left es-tate valued at £1,519,000 free. Kenneth David Symmonis, retired chartered surveyor, of Chislehurst, Kent, left estate valued at E1,979,198 net

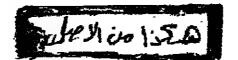
Peter Boyton Taylor, of Dullingham, Newmarket, Suffolk left estate valued at F) 264 072 net Reginald George Taylor, ef-Wickwar, South Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £2,047,484 net.

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CULLERING SOWN - Cooli Edgar Personally on 20th Edgar Personally on 20th Edgar Personal of the South of the S 23rd Frances aged 86. Formerly of Oueen Magnavers School, Sacrick Fark, York and latterly realding at London W4. Much loved mother of Magnatha and gaindingular of Locanie and Alice. Funeral Service at Our Lady of Grace and St Edward Links W4 on September 29th at 12.30 followed by private commettee. All enquiries to W4 had Jesus Devember 127 High Road, Chiewick W4. 250. Tet 0181 994 0277. RAMKS - Peter Alan F.Eng., F.I.C.E., F.C.I.W.E.M., died peacefully aged 67 years on Sunday, 21st September at 5t Mary's Hospics, Unersteen Durment buddens MCK - Simon Alfred Treatmell died pencefully after a long filmes on 18th September. Loved husband of Andrea and devoted Duddy of Abigail and Jessica. He flowers places. Detections to The Princess Alice Hospies, Baker KT10 SRA. All AVAII. 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The Funeral and Thankspiring Service is on Monday 29th September at 2 pm in All Saints Church, Underberrow. A memocial service will be held in London at a later date. Family flowers only. Densetions in Fetar's memory to St Mary's Hospice, Ulverston, Cumbria, If desired, if you cannot be with us, we know your thoughts and prayers will be. FOR SALE ALL TICKETS JOHNSON - Edward George, on 3-, 1-1-1 1997, of Weedbridge, Suffolk aged 99 years. Cremation private, donations if desired for See Ryder Foundation E.B. Buttom & Sons. Ltd. 24 St John's Street, Woodbridge 1712 125. Italy v Eng EUSTACE - Lt. Col. David Waring, MRR Li. on 19th September 1997, tragically in the Southall train treat, aged 53. Adored husband and father of Maggie, jeomy, Gavin and Ratherhe and deeply loved son of Lady Abraham. Funeral on Thesday 30th September at 2.30 pm. Our Lady Undercroft, Canterbury Cathodral, cantamacs by the Packages 11 Oct. Rome **RUGBY UNION** THE TREES - 1791-1997 other titles available. 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Sometime Assistant Clerk of the Goldsmiths' Company and Clerk to the Trustees of the City Parochial Foundation and of the Cheises Physic Gerden. Soloved and adoring bushend of Anita, loving and pound father of Simon and JORDAN - Kare Died suddenly on September 21st. Treesured friend and constant companion of Cathedral, extensor by the South Door. Pensity flowers only, donations if desired to The Officers' Pensions. Society Widows Fund c/o E.E. Cavell Funesni Directom, 25 Albert Road, Dmi, East CTI-9 NE, tak (01304) 373275. OASIS Constant companion of Resemany, dearly loved mother of Nathan, Ingrid and Richele and grandmother of Carl. Non see loved by so many friends and will live fetwer in our hearts. Persewell services Manor Park Consetury, Sebest Rood, Povest Gerb R7, on Priday September 26th at 23th. Parally flowest only, donations, if desired, to Save the Children or a classity of your choice. CHRISTE - On September to Lond Surrey Ho to Gillian and Stepl son, Edward Stephen I El'un John, Supertramp 1." Soccer, France '98 OVERSEAS TRAVEL DIAMOND All : agby Int. Ryder Cup DOWNEE - On September 15th in Salisbury, to Haunch (ade Wright) and Isa, a son, **ANNIVERSARIES** FALKINGE - Sir Edmond Charles, Br (Ed.), Selly was killed in a car crash in Northern Spain on Setuniny Soptember 20th. He is survived by his wife Diama and his two sens hen and lifet. P.L.C.S. died peacefully aged 74 on 23rd September following a brave flight against cancer. Beloved beatmed a beath heter of jame, Samh and Pear and grandfather of joe, Edward, Jessamy and Timothy. Thankegiving Mass at St Saviours Church, South Street, Lastbourne at 10.30mm on Seturday 4th October, No flowers please, but donations if desired to St Wilfrids Hospice, Eustbourne. 'Any Ticket Obtained' Gerden. Soloved and adoring husband of Anita, loving and proud father of Simon and Timothy and grandiarher to Latin, Alexander and Phoebe. Died en September 22nd 1997. Peneral Service at St. Peter's Church, Elack Lion Lane, Wo on Monday 29th September at 10 am followed by cremation at Mortlake Crematorium. Penelly Singers only. 0171 488 4414 RAMEROEF-WEEF - Oa Beprinder 25th 1937 at The Parish Church, Davvish, Bevid to Barbara, now at Referents Low, turn all the family. ANNOUNCEMENTS SUGNEE - On September 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Cales and Carrin, a daughter, Charlotte Velezia. Mat. GALESWORTHY - On Toundary 23rd September 1997 pascartuly at home after a long illness so patiently and bursely bone, jensifer Eath Gelsworthy MEE, widow of Sir John Gaisworthy, Loving and beloved mother of Michael, Marrya, Ridget and Amanda and adored grandmother. Funeral Service Friday 26th September 230 pm St Just in Roseland Chunch followed by private cremation MACHIN - On Supressber 21st Eathleen Harparet "Kay" (née Rocha) aged 86, widow of Entis, smal loved nother of Lydis and last Charles, grandmather of Lit and supplies - Manuelle Donothy stillionette artist died suddenly on 19th September 1997 while working She has left a hole in so many lives that she touched. The functal and celebration of her love of life is to be held beside the river at The Two heidges Hotel, Princetorra, at 10.30 um on Monday September 29th 1997. No flowers, All donations to the RMLL or plant a tree or some wild flowers, to Montis Bros., I Drake Road, Invistock, Devon F.19 GAIL. IMPENNATIONAL. EAUPMANN - Haurice Earlegton on September 21st after a long battle counageously fough, loving father of Lottle and Bunnshy. Service will take place Monday 29th September at West London Crematoxion at 11.30 am. 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Shergold Eng V New Zealand STUART-ROSS - Phyllis Newton, pro-decembed by her husband Stuart and her nices Gillian De-Buse. Sadly missed by her sister Ellean De-Buse in Vescouver and **5 NATIONS RUGBY** vertisaments for the Court Page must be received two sag days prior to publication and use accepted subject to confirmation.



Hill - Paul Timothy. Died tragically on Sunday September 14th 1997. True love nover dies" Justin.

#### **OBITUARIES**

### PROFESSOR GEOFFREY BANTOCK

Geoffrey Bantock, Professor of Education at Leicester University, 1964 75, died on September I aged 82. He was born on October 12, 1914.

ince 1969, education policies have shifted dramatically away from progressivism and back towards traditional teaching. Geoffrey Bantock played a considerable part in this transformation, particularly through his outspoken contributions to the controversial Black Papers.

A quiet unassuming man, he never withdrew from educational battles, even though he was often hurt by abuse from his opponents. His formidable intelligence and won-derful, clear style exposed confusions in progressive thinking, some of which remain unresolved to this day.

Geoffrey Herman Bantock was educated at Wallasey Grammar School and Emmanuel College at Cambridge, where his love of literature was nurtured by the teachings of F. R. Leavis. After graduation he taught in boys' grammar schools at Ealing and llford before his appointment in 1946 to a lectureship in English in Leeds.

In 1950 he moved to University College, Leicester, soon to become a university, where he was Professor of Education from 1964 to 1975. As a young man he published in Leavis's Scrutiny, and wrote fine critical pieces about D. H. Lawrence and T.S. Eliot, both of whom were important influences on his educational thinking. He believed that the study of great literature can hugely benefit the development of the

emotional life. His devastating criticisms of progressive education appeared as early as 1952, long before the public and politicians realised that a revolution was taking place in primary schools. In Freedom and Authority in Education, published that year, he exposed what he saw as the sloppiness



of contemporary educational thinking.

In the period after 1945, most professors of education had been appointed for their teaching or administrative skills, not for their understanding of the philosophy of education. Bantock made himself unpopular by pointing out that the staff of education departments had usually not

had specialist training in relevant fields, and lacked professional discipline.

He felt that lecturers in education were easily seduced by Rousseau's belief in the innate goodness of children, and by the doctrine that they should find things out for themselves without formal instruction. In a series of books through the 1950s and 1960s, Bantock acknowledged the value of play and discovery, but argued for disciplined learning and the authority of the teacher.

He showed that progressives were imposing freedom on children who, on the contrary, had a natural desire and need for order and security. The progressive ideology, he argued, is implicitly authori-tarian: Rousseau himself had only do what he wants to do, "but he should only want to do what you want him to do".

Bantock insisted that we achieve true freedom as adults only if we have been subjected to some form of rigour, particularly rational disciplines of study in the classroom. The child cannot harness his own resources alone, but needs first to master some of society's

Until the 1970s Bantock's arguments went unheeded by the leaders of the teaching profession, and he was treated as an eccentric and even a pariah. Then his brilliant essay on "discovery methods" in the second of the Black Papers (1969) made a breakthrough. It was read by thousands of conservative teachers, who were given the courage to speak out for formal discipline. His writings helped to produce a shift of opinion, which culminated in James Callaghan's famous Ruskin College speech of 1976, when the Labour Prime Minister advocated a return to basics.

Bantock believed that progressives are committed to contradictory sets of values. They believe in the importance the individual, which should mean wanting each child to advance as far as he or she can. But they also believe in equality, leading to collectivism, uniformity and a resistance to streaming. Bantock's position was clear: by the age of 13 children's abilities differ markedly, so they need different paces of teaching and different subject matter.

Bantock's students found him an excellent teacher, who expected high standards. Influenced by writers such as Lawrence and George Sturt, he advocated a curriculum that stimulates creativity in all the arts. After retirement from Leicester he published an impressive two-volume history of educational theory.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, who had been one of his students in Leeds before they

#### **MUQIMUDDIN FAROOQI**

Muqimuddin Farooqi. Secretary of the National Council of the Communist Party of India, died on September 3, aged 77. He was born in Ambetha, Uttar Pradesh in 1920.

MUQIMUDDIN FAROOQI was one of the most modest and austere leaders of the Indian Communist movement. In a country where the political culture abhors ostentation and visible affluence, most politicians have different public and private personas. Farooqi, however, had only one. His personal life was inseparable from his politics, and marked by the same intense simplicity. The single room near the Jama Masjid in Old Delhi where he lived for four decades was open to all, and people thronged there for political discussions or for help. As a student at St Stephen's

College in Delhi University, Farooqi was drawn into the freedom struggle, in 1938, he joined the Communist Party, although at the time the Communists were working within the Congress Party. In December 1939 he helped to organise an anti-war rally, at which he spoke alongside Subhash Chandra Bose, the controversial Congress leader who subsequently sided with Germany and Japan in the hope that they would help India to win freedom. Faroogi, however, firmly opposed the Axis powers, especially after Hitler in-vaded Russia in 1941.

In 1940 he was elected head of the All India Students' Federation, the Communistled student front. (An affiliate of the federation, the Punjab Students' Union, had as its secretary at the time one Inder Kumar Gujral, who is now Prime Minister of India.) That year. Farooqi organised a strike at Delhi University to protest the arrest of Jawaharlai Nehru. This was the first time any such agitation had occurred in the university, and Sir Maurice Gwyer, the then vice-chancellor, took a dim view. Farooqi was expelled



and stripped of his Master's degree. Only 49 years later, at the urging of Dr Shanker Dayal Sharma, then the President of India, did the university renew his degree.

After Independence, Far-

ooqi became active in Delhi's trade union movement. He was a popular figure in the capital and rose swiftly through the party's ranks. After the death of Stalin, when the Soviet Union advocated a "peaceful transition to socialism", the Indian Communists drew close to the Congress. The party split in 1964, ostensibly mirroring the Sino-Soviet split in the world communist movement. Faroogi remained loyal to the Soviet - and less radical - faction. The Communists' proximity to the Congress finally led them to support Indira Gandhi when she imposed a State of Emergency in 1975. Farooqi, along with the rest of his comrades, later acknowledged that this had been a serious error of judgment.

In recent years, Faroogi had been a leading advocate of Farooqi, and a son.

Communist participation in the Third Front - the loose political coalition currently in power in Delhi - and felt that this was the only way the Congress and the rightist Bharatiya Janata Party could be kept out of power. Ironically, he died minutes after speaking at a seminar on

coalition governance.
In its obituary, The Times of India called Farooqi "a representative of another era", and said that "amidst the rapid degeneration of ideals in politics. Farooqi clung to the values of the freedom struggle". When an interviewer asked him recently whether his dreams of August 1947 had come to fruition. Faroogi expressed dismay at the persistence of illiteracy, unemployment and poverty, fifty years after Independence. But he refused to be pessimistic. "I am confident that the younger generation will revolt and set things right," he said.

Muqimuddin Farooqi survived by his wife, the Communist leader Vimla

#### REAR-ADMIRAL DAVID DUNBAR-NASMITH

Rear-Admiral David Dunbar-Nasmith, CB, DSC, Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland 1970-72, died February 21, 1921.

GRADUATION from Dartmouth Naval College was a proud start to David Dunbar-

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Nasmith's distinguished career in the service and in public life. As chief cadet captain, he was awarded the King's Dirk as the best cadet in his term by his father, Admiral Sir Martin Dunbar-Nasmith, the then Flag Officer Plymouth and a famous submariner whose Victoria Cross had been awarded for his submerged penetrations of the

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Sea of Marmora during the Dardanelles campaign of the First World War. Going to sea as a midship-

man shortly before the outbreak of war in 1939, the young Dunbar-Nasmith served in the battleships Barham and Rodney before joining the destroyer Kelvin, as Navigation Officer. Kelvin was in the thick of the desper-

ate campaign to evacuate allied forces from Crete in April and May 1941. The Royal Navy suffered many casualties. Four of the squadron's destroyers were sunk, and

Dunbar-Nasmith was mentioned in dispatches for his services in March 1942 during the Second Battle of Sirte, when a Malta convoy was

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protected from greatly superior Italian forces by smoke and diversionary tactics. In November 1942 Dunbar-

Nasmith was appointed second-in-command of the defollowing month the ship accepted the surrender of an Italian submarine off Port Said. Dunbar-Nasmith led the boarding party which recovered important code material, for which he was awarded the DSC. This was a courageous act: a month earlier, when the Petard had successfully recovered German code material from the surfaced but sinking USS9, his predecessor had been killed.

Dunbar-Nasmith was mentioned in dispatches again in September 1943 for his services during the campaign after the Italian surrender which was designed to open a front in the Aegean. No fewer than eight British destroyers were sunk or damaged in attempts to reinforce and hold some of the Greek islands, but complete German air superiority proved insurmountable.

Promoted to acting lieutenant-commander, Dunbar-Nasmith had a long series of commands. While commanding the minesweeper Rowena. he was awarded a third mention in dispatches for his role in the boarding of the merchant ship Ulva in February 1947, during the Palestine

patrol. After passing the naval staff course in 1949, he was appointed operations officer to the Flag Officer Commanding the First Cruiser Squadron in the Mediterranean fleet at Malta. This post was held by Rear-Admiral Earl Mountbatten, who had returned to a more modest role after his time as Viceroy of India and



Supreme Allied Commander South- East Asia. The operations officer was kept busy. but also encouraged to pursue his enthusiasms for polo and yachting.

His next command was the frigate Enard Bay in Scotland, where he was engaged in the training of boy seamen. Becoming commander in 1951, he served until 1954 on the staff of the Supreme Allied Com-mander Atlantic during a period of evolution for Nato's early maritime strategy. After promotion to captain

in 1958, he commanded the

frigate Berwick and the Fifth Frigate Squadron, his ship at that time being recognised by exercise analysts as perhaps the most efficient anti-submarine vessel in the Navy.

There followed three years as Director of Defence Plans (Navy) at the Ministry of Defence, a central staff appointment reporting again to Mountbatten, who was seeing through his reforms during an unusual second tour as Chief of Defence Staff.

After a year as Commodore Amphibious Forces, Dunbar-Nasmith was promoted to

val Secretary he was responsible for the personnel management of the naval officer corps. showing much wisdom in his matching of appointments to planning of rising stars. He was appointed a CB in

rear-admiral in 1967. As Na-

1970, and spent his final tour, appropriately enough for a member of an ancient Scottish family, as Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland. Retiring to Rothes in Mor-

avshire. Dunbar-Nasmith became involved in a host of regional activities. He was vice-chairman of the Highlands and Islands Development Board from 1972 and its chairman in 1981-82. He was also a member of the Countryside Commission for Scotland, 1972-76, the British Waterways Board, 1980-87, and the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board.

His chairmanship of the directors of the Moray and Nairn Newspaper Company. 1982-91 covered the period of a take-over by the Scottish Provincial Press. and Dunbar-Nasmith is affectionately remembered for his stout protection of the workforce and of shareholders' interests. As Vice Lord-Lieutenant for Morayshire from 1980, he was widely admired as a quietly spoken and charming gentleman, who was enormously effective in promoting the interests of the countryside and the local fishing industry. He was appointed a mem-

ber of the Queen's Bodyguard for Scotland -- the Royal Company of Archers - in 1974, and was Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod to the Order of the Thistle until 1996. He is survived by his wife

Elizabeth and by their two sons and two daughters.

#### THREE BALLOONS LOST.

The destruction of a Spanish and a Swiss balloon, with the deaths of three pilots, has already been reported. This morning news reached Brussels that the American balloon

bodies being burned to ashes.
The American balloon U.S. Navy 6,699 piloted by Lieutenant Lawrence, with M. Reicheiferder as passenger, came down at 8.30 p.m. on Sunday at Putten, in the Gelderland, to the south of the Zuyder Zee (Holland). A landing was made without incident in a south wind. The Swiss aeronaut A. Picard and the assistant pilot Stobel, of

#### ON THIS DAY

**September 25, 1923** 學學學學學

The balloon race had been promoted by the American journalist James Gordon Bennett

(1841-1918). The balloons were filled with highly flammable hydrogen, unlike those of today which carry propane air heaters. of the ballast had been thrown overboard. The balloon Fernande II, piloted by the

Frenchman G. Blanchet, was compelled to land last night at Lille-St.-Pierre, near Antwerp. Gomez, the pilot of the Spanish balloon Polar, who had a marvellous escape from death when his balloon was struck by

lightning on Sunday evening, has made the following statement in regard to the disaster:-We left about 4.30 p.m. The wind was very violent, and over Malines the sky darkened and rain fell heavily, developing into a storm. We decided to descend. Everything went well; we were about three hundred feet from the ground

and a pessant caught took to the ground rope, but he was alone and had to let go. What occurred then I hardly know; but in consequence of the rain the sand had solidified in our bags, and, instead of trickling out gradually, it fell in lumps, causing the balloon to rise suddenly. In an instant we were back at an altitude of 3,700 ft. It was then that the terrible dispater contend. A flash of we were back at an altitude of 3,700 ft. It was then that the terrible disaster occurred. A flash of lightning, a clap of thunder, and over my head; saw the balloon in flames. At the same instant my comrade collapsed in a corner of the basket. I thought he had fainted, and had no thought of death. The flames extinguished themselves quickly, and I saw the balloon descending rapidly, but the speed slowed down, the debris of the envelope forming a parachute. We had then just been struck by the lightning. The fall of the basket was violent, and I felt an appalling pain in my legs, but did not lose consciousness. Some peasants came to my help. . . .

The Spanish assistant pilot, who was killed.

and a peasant caught hold of our guiding rope,

The Spanish assistant pilot, who was killed, was married and the father of five children. It is being asked in Brussels sporting circles why the start of the race was not postponed in

spite of the regulations.
The Spanish balloon J. F. Douro, piloted by the Spaniard Magdelena, descended near Eindhoven, in Holland. A dispatch from Amsterdam announces that the English aeronaut, Lieutenant-Colonel John Dunville, piloting the Banshee III, has descended at Hertec. in Holland....

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Zurich, landed at 7 p.m. on Sunday evening six miles from Eersel (Holland). The whole

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#### NEWS

#### \$1.2 million price for nurse's life

The brother of an Australian nurse stabbed to death in Saudi Arabia is demanding \$1.2 million "blood money" to spare the life of the British nurse accused of murdering her. Salah al-Hejailan, a Saudi lawyer representing the Britons,

said Frank Gilford had demanded that the two give \$500,000 (nearly £300,000) to a children's hospital and pay him the rest. He described the sum as extortionate, but said the two Britons ..... Pages 1, 3, 20 had agreed to the deal .....

#### 'No national wage for under-25s'

■ The Government is considering exempting young people, possibly up to the age of 25, from the national minimum wage. The move will delight business and alarm the unions. But ministers are insisting that the full economic impact of a minimum wage must be taken into account

#### Ashdown's gamble

In a bold address, Paddy Ashdown told the Lib-Dems to reap the reward of closer co-operation with Labour rather than sit on the sidelines...... Pages I, I2. 21

#### Uister 'breakthrough' Northern Ireland's parties were close to the breakthrough re-

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Dramatic changes to the Press Complaints Commission's privacy code to provide extra protection for children and end harassment by photographers are to be announced today...

#### Prince's project

The Prince of Wales will tomorrow launch an ambitious project to save some of Britain's largest and grandest historic buildings from decay ... ... Page 4

#### Ethical guidance

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health outlined five cases in which doctors should consider stopping medical treatment from children...... Page 6

#### Surgeon accused

John Studd, a leading Harley Street gynaecologist, was accused of "playing God" after he admitted removing a 35-year-old woman's ovaries without her

#### Male factor

Older men who marry younger wives in the hope of producing a male heir have a good chance of success, according to a study of birth records ....

#### Welfare partners

The Government is seeking to involve mutual societies in its reform of the welfare state by providing pensions and long-term . Page 4

#### Haze exodus Britain may evacuate its diplo-

matic families if the haze blanketing Malaysia gets worse. The American and Canadian embassies have begun evacuating families... Widow's grief

Indian police prevented a young widow from committing suttee in Rajasthan. To her, it was the ultimate gesture of love, but to police the act is a crime.. Page 15 ANC's dilemma

Winnie Mandela's decision to contest the No.2 post in the ANC worries party managers. But the immediate political fallout could result from her appearance be-

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Commission..

The White House has signalled that America must be ready to keep troops in Bosnia beyond June, setting the stage for a battle ...Page 3 with Congress.... .... Page 17

#### True buildog breed reborn

The canine establishment has scorned an attempt to restore the bulldog, emblem of all that is great about Britain, to its former glory. Breeder Ken Mollett wants to take the dog back to its Victorian stature, but the Kennel Club, which views change with alarm, says people want couch-potato dogs to go with their couch-potato lives...



French photographers refuse to take pictures of Lionel Jospin, the Prime Minister, and Marie-Georges Buffet, Sports Minister, after a Cabinet meeting. They were protesting at the inquiry into their colleagues over the fatal car crash of Diana, Princess of Wales. Page 17

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Diet food: Scotia, which tries to develop drugs from naturally occurring fats, is working on a yoghurt that can fool weight-conscious consumers they are feeling Page 25

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Rugby union: Clive Woodward. England's new coach, will not hesitate to make changes before the November internationals against New Zealand twice, Australia and South Africa....

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Car menu: Guests at a hotel in the Cotswold village of Broadway will soon be able to request an extra menu — for cars. They will have a choice of classic and Edwardian

#### THE PAPERS

The repulsive events of recent days [in Algeria] could well mean that President Zeroual has been forced to give way to the military

- Le Soir, Brussels

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Mr Cook's intemperate remarks denouncing the sentence of 500 lashes as "wholly unacceptable" raise a serious obstacle in the urgent diplomatic attempts to mitigate the sentence .....

#### Purity and power

If Liberal activists are unwilling to enter into that realignment, then they may as well lay to rest any ambition to change more than the site of their local pelican Page 21 crossing.

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Lib-Dem politicians are relishing the imminent prospect of PR. which would mean that instead of being permanently excluded from power, they might find themselves permanently in office...... Page 20 JOHN BRYANT

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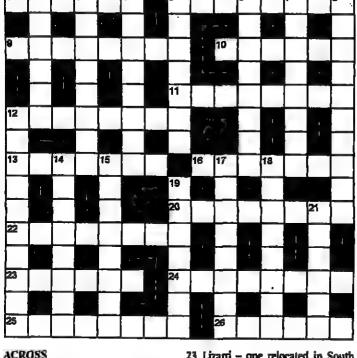
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- 5 Still wearing former outfit, the first one had (7).
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- island to revolution (8). 15 Race in public (8).
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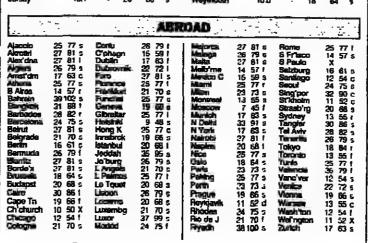
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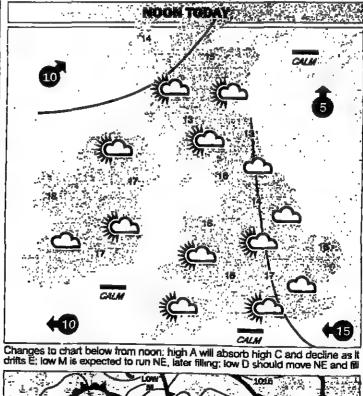
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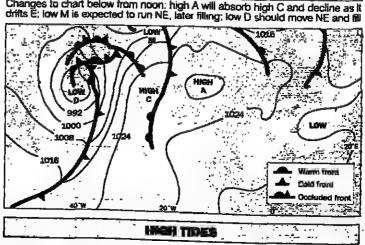
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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25 1997

# Salomon falls to \$9bn takeover

# Travelers makes agreed offer for US investment bank

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

TRAVELERS GROUP, the financial services company, yesterday launched an agreed \$9 billion (£5.6 billion) takeover bid for Salomon, the US investment bank. The takeover will unite

Smith Barney, Travelers' broking subsidiary, and Salomon Brothers, creating the world's fourth-largest equity underwriter and the secondlargest US debt underwriter based on 1996 figures.

Salomon Smith Barney will be led by Deryck Maughan. 49, the son of a Durham miner, who spent ten years at the Treasury, and James Dimon, the Smith Barney executive chairman, as co-chief executives. After completion, Robert Denham, chairman of Salomon Inc. the holding company, will depart. In a joint state-

PETER MIDDLETON walk-

ed away from a £50,000

bonus when he quit Lloyd's of

London to run the European

operations of Salomon Broth-

ers. Two years on, he is laugh-

ing all the way to the bank -

along with nearly 7,000 very

happy Salomon employees

buy shares in the firm at a

discount, netting huge potential windfalls from the Smith

Barney deal. The real win-

ners are those who have been

given shares as part of their

annual bonus under Salo-

mon's stock incentive plan.

Some long-servers were is-

Salomon allows staff to

(Jon Ashworth writes).

ment the two groups said: "Salomon Smith Barney will be a global, full-service securities firm that combines Salomon's traditional strength in fixed-income and international presence with Smith Barney's traditional strength in equities, retail distribu-tion, municipal finance and asset management,"

Salomon will take a \$500 million restructuring charge mainly for an undisclosed number of redundancies. Salomon staff in London have been reassured that their jobs are mostly safe because of Smith Barney's domestic US focus. But staff at Salomon's head office in New York were told to expect job losses after a move into Smith Barney's offices where "there won't be room for all of you". The merger is expected to be complet-

each — leaving them with a

Salomon employees to-

Middleton, who will continue

to run European operations

for the enlarged securities

house, is likely to be enriched

by several million pounds.

Perhaps the biggest single winner is Shigeru "Sugar" My-ojin, London-based head of

proprietary trading, who was paid \$31 million in 1996, in-

cluding \$2 million in shares.

Deryck Maughan, head of

Salomon's worldwide oper-

ations, was paid \$11.5 million.

\$51-a-share windfall.

able time to build." The takeover more than ed by the end of this year. Travelers is offering 1.13 of fulfils Travelers' acquisition

\$81.43, for every Salomon immediately and significantshare, worth \$71.50 at close ly strengthen Travelers' earnon Tuesday, In May, Saloings stream and capital base mon shares were trading at while catapulting Salomon less than \$50. Yesterday they Smith Barney into the top tier quickly zoomed up to \$79 of global securities and investment banks." latory approval was likely.

Mr Maughan said: "The

The deal is the latest in a series in the US financial services industry. Brokers, banks, insurers and fund managers are taking advantage of the easing of banking regulations. Analysts see the deal as a response to the merger of Morgan Stanley and Dean Witter.

Steven Cohen, of Kellner Dileo, a merger arbitrage firm, said: "Salomon is in a lot of businesses that Travelers are not in right now, such as proprietary trading and investment banking."

#### Middleton makes Buffett's investment yields \$1.4bn profit

sued shares at as little as \$30 THE purchase of Salomon Brothers will further enhance the reputation of Warren Buffett, "the Sage of Omaha", who ploughed \$700 million (£434 gether speak for about 20 per cent of the firm's shares. Mr million) of his investors' money into the brokerage in 1987. backed the firm in its darkest hour and is now sitting on a profit of more than \$1.4 billion

times are changing and we

must change with them. Of all the possible combinations

we could make, this is the

most attractive - from both a

cultural as well as a business

point of view. Salomon and

Smith Barney are a natural

fit. I could not be happier."

Mr Dimon said: "Merging

Smith Barney and Salomon

Brothers accomplishes in a

short time what would have

taken either of us a consider-

Jason Nisse writes). Berkshire Hathaway, Mr Buffett's fund, bought \$700 million of Salomon preferred shares in 1987, showing faith at the time of the Wall Street crash. The shares carry a dividend of 9 per cent, paying Mr Buffett around \$000 million over the decade.

McDonald's fast

the bonds scandal in the early 1990s. Mr Buffett stepped into the breach and became the firm's chairman. He also invested further in Salomon shares, spending an estimated \$320 million. Mr Buffett cashed in \$140

million of preferred stock two years ago and converted \$140 million worth at \$38 a share last year. The remaining \$420 million converts at \$38 per Salomon share into Travelers shares once yester day's deal proceeds. The bid values each Salomon share at \$81 and Mr Buffett's holding in Travelers at \$1.73 billion.



Deryck Maughan, the son of a Durham miner, will be the co-chief executive

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#### Full house

Sir Lawric Barratt presented his last full-year results as chairman of Barratt Developments, the housebuilder, announcing before tax. Page 26

#### Shell deal

Shell Oil, the American arm of the Royal/Dutch Shell group, has launched a \$1.45 billion (£899 million) bid for Tejas Gas, a pipeline and gas storage company based in Texas. Page 27, Tempus 28

### Granada rules out disposal of Méridien Hotels

Peter Middleton walked away from a

£50,000 bonus to run Salomon Bros

By Dominic Walsh over rime provided Granada

retained the management con-

tract. He revealed that the

brand would also be devel-

oped through strategic alli-

ances with other hotel chains, particularly in the USA and

In the UK. Posthouse and

the budget Travelodge chain are to benefit from next year's

planned £200 million invest-

ment programme, with Post-

house being put through a £60 million makeover. However.

the 65-strong Heritage chain

will eventually be sold off.

Thirteen hotels were put up for sale in the summer and Mr Allen conceded: "If we took a

five-year view, we probably wouldn't be owners of the

The Grosvenor House will

be sold provided Granada can get the £350 million it is

looking for, but some other

Exclusive hotels that remain

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unsold may be retained.

Heritage portfolio."

Asia Pacific.

CHARLES ALLEN, chief executive of Granada, yesterday ruled out a disposal of the upmarket Méridien Hotels chain but indicated that the Forte Heritage chain will eventually be sold.

Mr Allen, who has spent this week briefing City analysts and corporate clients on the group's plans, admitted there had been "a lot of confusion" over the future of Meridien. During the bid for Forte, Granada said it would be sold off, only to change its

Mr Allen said: "We see Meridien as a significant opportunity. I don't want to own bricks and mortar around the world, but we're committed to it as a management contract business.

There are more than 90 Meridiens around the world and 16 under construction, and the aim is to hit 150 by the vear 2000. Mr Allen added that the 30 owned properties outside the UK would be sold

#### Joe Bloggs founder saves **Emanuel**

up for lost bonus

SHAMI AHMED, the multimillionaire founder of Joe Bloggs, the high street clothing company, yesterday stepped in at the last minute to save the exclusive fashion business owned by Elizabeth

Emanuel (Chris Ayres writes). Ms Emanuel achieved worldwide recognition after designing the wedding dress worn by Diana. Princess of Wales. She had pleaded for financial help last month after the collapse of Hamlet, the clothing importer that owned a 48 per cent stake in her business.In the jeans, page 29



# food course for college students

By MARTIN WALLER

MCDONALD'S, the huge hamburger chain, is planning to convert the country's 1.6 million students to the Big Mac by issuing a special privilege card offering them extra hamburgers free with their meals. The card is being distributed through the National Union of Students.

The aim is that all students will receive the cards in time for the academic term just starting and be valid, on production of an NUS mem-bership card, until August.

The marketing drive is the biggest push yet into the student market, which is already being courted by any number of commercial concerns, such as banks keen to catch consumers early in their working lives.
For McDonald's, the aim is

the opposite. The company, locked in a bitter marketing battle with Burger King, is trying to reach out to an older consumer base, say observers. Ronald McDonald, the clown

used as the company's mascot, is more associated with the children's market.

A company spokesman said ad hoc deals with local colleges were already in place, but the cards would now be useable across the country.

The idea of marketing Me-

Donald's to students would have been unthinkable a few years ago in the heyday of student radicalism, and it is likely to attract some considerable criticism now. McDonald's is deeply unpopular in liberal circles.

The company has just emerged from a mammoth libel action against two environmental activists and is highly sensitive to suggestions that its production methods damage the planet's amounts of chemicals and

preservatives.
But McDonald's said: "We don't get involved in the politics of this. We're selling

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# New yoghurt that fools the stomach

BY PAUL DURMAN

SCOTIA HOLDINGS, the company that tries to develop drugs from naturally occurring fats, is working on a yoghurt that fools weight-conscious consumers that they are full up.

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If Scotia can prove its claims, the active ingredient in the yoghurt is potentially worth tens or even hundreds of millions of pounds to the company. Sales of the yoghurt in the Swedish market alone could generate up to £10 million for Scotia, it believes. But yoghurts are only a starting point.

because Scotia believes that its fat extract can be added to almost any kind of food without encountering

regulatory problems. David Horrobin, Scoria's chief exec-utive, said: "We believe this has major potential. It has strong patent protection, it is entirely natural, and it does not involve any of the fat substitutes or any of the alternatives that have run

into trouble recently." Some existing appetite-suppressing drugs have recently been withdrawn from the market because of new evidence that they cause heart prob- on 60 people suggests that it can cut

lems. Scotia is working on the yoghurt with an unnamed Swedish milk com-

pany, which plans to begin test marketing the product early next year. Scotia's Lipid Teknik arm is initially developing its so-called 'ileal brake' as food ingredient - cutting out much of the testing that would be necessary if it was to be marketed as a weight

control drug. The fat extract works by prompting a chemical release in the gut that slows digestion and gives the sensation of being full. Initial testing of the yoghurt calorie intake at a meal by 15-30 per

Scotia has not always delivered on its most exciting products, and its science is regarded with scepticism in some quarters. However, last week's \$54 million (£33.5 million) licensing deals for Foscan, its laser-activated cancer drug, have bolstered confidence in its most important product.

Scotia's first-half sales grew by 38 per cent to £10 million. But higher research and development spending increased the pre-tax loss from £7 million to £12.8 million.

#### Job loss rises in forecourt price war

By Kevin Eason motoring editor

PETROL retailers yesterday demanded that the Government declare a ceasefire in the price war that will cost nearly 10.000 forecourt jobs this year.

A delegation from the Retail Motor Industry Federation told John Battle. the Energy Minister. that 2,000 filling stations will close as small independent garages are caught up in the crossfire between the oil majors and supermarkets.

The Office of Fair Trading is due to publish results of its inquiry into the oil industry next

companies have faced two investigations by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission into alleged price-fixing over the past decade as critics claim overcharging.

However, the industry now faces domination by the biggest players as inde-

pendent garages fail. The price war has been sparked by the entry of supermarket chains that sell huge amounts of petrol but with no overhead costs of refining and distribution. Oil majors, such as Shell and BP, have been forced to respond by matching the prices of Tesco, Sainsbury and Waitrose.

From 18.500 retailers two years ago, there are (4.500 now and the federation forecasts that number will be down to 9,500 by the end of the century. Chris MacGowan, the

federation's chief executive, warned after the meeting with Mr Battle:
"This war between the supermarkets and the big oil companies is costing the country dear.

"In towns and cities, we do not notice the effects so much, but out in the countryside there are filling stations disappearing all the time. This is a loss of a valuable service to rural communities where the car is a vital means of

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# Barratt signs off with 35% increase to £70m

SIR Lawrie Barratt presented his last full-year results as chairman of Barratt Developments, the housebuilder, yesterday, announcing a 35 per cent rise in profits before tax.

Driven by the buoyant market for new homes in the South of England, earnings for the year to June 30 were £70.1 million, up from £52.1 million in the previous year.

Turnover increased by 13 per cent to £714 million, with completions rising 10 per cent to 7.710. The return on capital employed was 21 per cent. Sir Lawrie, who retired

from Barratt in 1988 only to return in 1991 when the company hit trouble, predicted the growth in home ownership in Britain would continue for some years. He expects the housebuilding industry to consolidate into five big groups. Barratt has a 5 per cent share of the UK market for new

Frank Eaton, chief executive, said it would not seek to grow by large acquisition, however, saying the main reason for such a move would be to acquire a competitor's surplus development land.

Barratt said it has a land bank sufficient for three years' supply. In the year, £123 million was invested in land in southern England, 59 per cent of total land purchases. After retiring on November

20, Sir Lawrie will take on the unpaid title of life president, which he described as an honorary consultative role.

Mr Eaton will become chairman in addition to his present role. Sir Lawrie said such a dual role does not contradict corporate governance recommendations made by the Hampel committee.

Basil Bean, a non-executive director, will become non-executive vice-chairman, and a managing director will be appointed to work alongside

The average UK selling price was £87,100, up 3.9 per cent on 1995-96. Mr Eaton said he expects new housing prices to increase by 3 or 4 per cent in the current financial year. Projects being completed in-

clude a £32 million development overlooking the Globe Theatre in London, close to St Paul's Cathedral. Mr Eaton criticised reductions in mortgage interest tax relief continued by the Labour

Government when it assumed

power earlier this year. Earnings rose to 19.8p a share from 17.8p. A final dividend of 6p will be paid, compared with 5.5p, giving a 9p total for the year, a 9 per cent increase. The total dividend is covered 2.2 times.

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Building up: Sir Lawrie Barratt, left, and Frank Eaton

#### **Traditional** soccer fans find games too costly

By Jason Nissé

RESEARCH into the finances of football has confirmed the anecdotal evidence from the terraces that the game is now too expensive for many of its

traditional supporters.
A survey of 2,500 football fans due to be published next week will show that 78 per cent of season ticket-holders at Premiership clubs and 55 per cent of those who attend some matches are social class ABC1. compared with 47 per cent of

the population as a whole. The report, by Fletcher Research, the publishers, and Oliver & Ohlmaum, consultants, indicates that only 750,000 fans attended at least one Premiership match last year even though 18 million people claim to be football fans, with 14 million support-ing Premiership teams. Ticket prices in the top flight of English soccer have soared by more than 200 per cent in the past decade.

The survey predicts that the total football-related turnover of the Premier League will nearly treble from £350 million in 1995-96 to £1.1 billion in 2004-05. Of this, nearly half will come from pay-per-view TV, which is expected to be introduced in the early part of the next decade.

The largest share of this revenue will go to Manchester United, followed by Liverpool and Newcastle United

#### **BUSINESS ROUNDUP**

### Gucci shares fall on profits alert

THE label may still be seen on the backs of the world's most stylish women, but shares in Gucci, the Italian fashion house, have suddenly become unfashionable. The company, which was floated two years ago, issued a profits warning that poor economic conditions in some of its key markets will restrict its growth in the second half of this year. The statement triggered a fall of more than 15 per cent in the value of the shares, which are quoted in Amsterdam and New York.

Comparisons with last year, when it enjoyed exceptional growth, will be tough. However, the company added:
"Worldwide demand for Gucci products remains very strong
and our fall-winter collection has been praised by the fashion. press and is selling well in the stores. We continue to believe that our long-term outlook remains excellent." The company's first-half net income rose 29 per cent to \$90.3 million. Investcorp, the Bahrain private investment bank, floated Gucci in 1995. It took full control in 1993.

#### Yamaichi chief arrested

A WIDENING racketeer-payoff scandal claimed new members of Japan's business elite on Wednesday with the arrest of Atsuo Miki, the former president of Yamaichi Securities, and an executive shake-up at Daiwa Securities. Yamaichi is accused of making 79 million yen (£408,000) in illegal payments to a racketeer. Daiwa, Japan's second-largest brokerage, said its president, chairman and five other top executives would resign at the end of this month.

#### Micromass sold

MICROMASS, the Manchester instrument manufacturer bought in March last year by Schroder Ventures for E47 million, was sold yesterday for \$178 million (£110 million) to the Waters Corporation, the American analytical instrument group. Around 30 senior staff at Micromass, once part of Fisons, invested in the buyout last year although details of their profits were not being released yesterday. Net sales were \$91 million in 1996.

#### Cookson to sell Anzon

COOKSON, the specialist industrial materials company, has agreed to sell part of its plastics division to Great Lakes, the international speciality chemical company listed in New York. The deal will end Cookson's involvement in plastics additives, following the disposals of Synpro in 1995 and its pigments businesses in 1996. Cookson expects to sell Anzon, which has sales of £50 million and operations in the UK, the US, Mexico and South Africa, in October.

#### Two leave Sotheby's

SIMON DE PURY, chairman of Sotheby's Europe, and Daniella Luxembourg, deputy chairman of Sotheby's Switzerland, are leaving the fine art auction house to set up their own company and create an art fund on behalf of a small group of collectors. Henry Wyndham, a senior executive at Sotheby's for the past three years, becomes chairman of Sotheby's Europe. Diana Brooks, chief executive of Sotheby's Holdings, said: "We are very sad to see them go."

#### **Brake Brothers falls**

ANOTHER poor performance from Puritan Maid, the food distributor bought from Forte two years ago, adversely affected interim profits at Brake Brothers. Puritan Maid incurred a £3.9 million loss, causing group pre-tax profits to fall 13 per cent to £10.8 million. Brake said Puritan Maid is on the road to recovery and is expected to break even next year. Earnings fell 10.1 per cent to 14.2p a share but the interim dividend, payable on December 31, was increased to 3.2p (2.9p).

#### **B&B** raises rate

BRADFORD & BINGLEY, the second largest building society. is raising its variable mortgage rate by 0.25 per cent to 7.95 per cent. The average variable rate among larger lenders is 8.45 per cent. The society is pledging not to raise its rate again until the end of January, even if base rates rise again before then. The move is a delayed response to the July and August base rate rises. Borrowers of more than two years' standing will continue to pay a reduced rate of 7.75 per cent.

# Airbus wins US deal worth \$2bn

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

includes British Aerospace, yesterday won a \$2 billion (£1.2 billion) order for 50 aircraft from Northwest Airlines, of the US.

The carrier has also taken out an option to purchase a further 100 aircraft, valued at an extra \$4 billion if fully exercised. Northwest is purchasing A319s, Airbus's smallest craft seating 124 passengers each, and the option is for a mix of A319s and A320s, which seat 150. The order marks a major triumph

AIRBUS, the consortium that for the European consortium, which has fought hard to maintain its presence in

> America. Fears had been raised over its market position following the merger of its competitors McDonnell Douglas and Boeing, and their exclusive supplier contracts with three

major American airlines. Deliveries of the initial batch of 50 aircraft will start in 1999 and run until 2003. The sale will boost employment growth at the BAe plants

#### Pound falls against the mark

THE pound slumped on foreign exchanges yesterday after Hans Tietmeyer, President of the Bundesbank. said it would not tolerate further falls in the value of the mark.

In a separate intervention, Franz-Christoph Zeitler, a Bundesbank council member, said an unexpectedly good set of inflation figures did not rule out a rise in rates. The pound lost four pfennigs to finish at DM2.8565. The trade weighted index slid more than a point to close at 100.3.

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### New guidelines ask firms to report sooner

BY ROBERT BRUCE

COMPANIES will have to produce interim reports sooner and will have less scope to 'smooth' their figures under new guidelines published today by the Accounting Standards Board.

The ASB's guidance statement takes on many of the proposals published last November in exposure draft form. In particular, it has trimmed the 60 days allowed for companies to report under the current Stock Exchange rules back to 40 days. Reports will have to be

produced using what is known as the 'Discrete' method, ensuring that companies treat the interim period as a distinct accounting period and not as a proportion of the annual results.

Companies whose business is heavily seasonal, like retailers or tour operators, will have to report results which differ markedly between the first half and the second half of the

EU rules out

duty-free

sales rethink

THE European Commission yesterday ruled out going

back on a decision to scrap

duty-free sales within the European Union in mid-1999.

despite intense industry lobbying (Our City Staff writes).

Mario Monti, the EU Tax-

ation and Single Market Commissioner, appealed to

duty free shop operators to

start concrete preparations for

converting their shops to tax-

coincide with an industry

conference on duty-free sales

EU finance ministers decid-

ed unanimously in 1991 to

abolish duty-free sales for travellers within the 15-nation

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also need approval by all

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year. The proposals will mean more companies reporting in the holiday period of August, a factor which was behind the original lengthy time allow-ance under the old Stock Exchange rules.

The guidelines are not mandatory, but the ASB feels that as a recommendation of best practice they will ensure that companies raise their reporting standards. "To be really effective, interims need to be timely and show what actually happened in the period," said Sir David Tweedie, the ASB chairman.

The proposals also encourage a lengthier section of management commentary to highlight and explain significant events. The guidance has been commended by the London and Irish stock exchanges, the Financial Reporting Council and the Hundred Group of Finance Directors.

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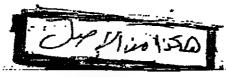
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ver breakfast in Downing Street yesterday, Tony Blair's words to a collection of business big chiefs were as warm and comforting as the croissants. Any sensible political party should be pro-business and pro-enterprise, he told them. Sceptics might have taken this as marchy the letter arounds of the merely the latest example of the cosying-up to business that Labour has done since Mr Blair took on the leadership. But it is looking increasingly as if the Government

business wants Margaret Beckett's latest move over the planned national minimum wage certainly points in that direction. Although most businesses would be happier without the imposition of any such restriction on how they reward their workforce, the indications from the President of the Board of Trade yesterday are that the level is likely to be set sufficiently low to cause little pain to employers.

may be moving in tune with what

In spite of his energetic wooing of corporate Britain. Mr Blair's arrival at No 10 had posed two big concerns for business. The first was the plan to force companies to recognise trade unions; the second was the threat of a national

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minimum wage. The issue of union recognition remains a red rag to some businessmen, but, having accepted that it is inevitable, the CBI is at least being involved with the TUC in the process of trying to come up with workable proposals that

# Blair gets in tune with business

might enable both sides of the employment equation to be relarively sanguine about the effects of the legislation. And now the Low Pay Commission is being given guidelines, which old Labour might interpret as a muzzle, that should ensure the com-mission has virtually no bite.

The obligation to take the economic implications of a minimum wage fully into account when recommending its level coupled with the demand to consider exemptions for young people, ought to encourage a sensible chap like George Bain to produce some very workable

He will, for instance, be taking heed of today's survey from the British Chambers of Commerce, which emphasises that the level of the minimum wage will be crucial in determining the impact on jobs

and inflation generally.

So far the signs from the commission look optimistic. Business leaders, trade unionists and the independent academics on it seem determined to reach a recommendation that will strike precisely that balance

Next week, at the party conference in Brighton, Labour leaders will be faced with the challenge of continuing to keep



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the confidence of business while not alienating too many members of the party. But the hard-hitting speech that Tony Blair gave to the TUC gathering indicates the di-rection in which he will err. Some members of the TUC are still reeling from his instructions that they must bring themselves up to date or vanish for ever. As one staunch union man remarked, not even Lady Thatcher at her fiercest would have dared deliver such a lecture in the lions' den.

#### Now life really begins at Forte

erry Robinson and his team at Granada have made little secret of their disdain for the way most hoteliers run their businesses. During the hard-fought contest for Forte, the public criticisms were muted compared with the intimations that have come as the company has tried to impose

new methods and financial disciplines on its acquisition. But there is now an air of gentle gloating emanating from

ranada: it claims to have achieved the level of profit improvement it sought. "We told you we could do it," they boast. Of course, it has been painful, they say. Jobs have had to go, morale has suffered. But now the rewards will be reaped. Let the new investment flow as the company demonstrates a continued commitment to the hotel

The Méridien chain, which some had thought likely to be in search of a new owner before long, is instead turned into an important part of future strategy, but romantics can forget any idea of Granada being a convert to the idea of hotels as a special sort of business, in need of particular indulgence. Instead, Granada chief executive Charles Allen says Meridien is similar to Sutcliffe, the contract catering company, in which Granada's techniques have succeeded in lifting margins from 4 per cent to more than twice that level. Some 15 Meridien contracts have been won in the past 18 months and more are in the pipeline. You can almost taste the portion control beginning.
But the changes go far beyond

that. In a series of presentations to the City, Granada has been keen to show off just what innovation it has made at Forte, and it ranges from the introduction state of the art systems to sales and marketing programmes that should leave some other hoteliers standing. More than £200 million is to be ploughed into the hotel business over the coming year and if that does not produce results, then Mr Robinson will want to know

At least £60 million of the money will go into the Posthouse chain, a flagging brand which will have to work hard to retrieve

the loyalty of its target business traveller market. Travelodge. which has allowed rival Travel

Inn to cruise past it, will also benefit from new money. The future for hotels is all about brands, and Granada has accepted the need to invest in building them. The results should underline just what a steal the Forte group was.

#### **Buffett plays** another ace

Then news broke last hen news broke last week that Warren Buffett might be edging out of equities and into bonds, a frisson of fear rippled through Wall Street and towards the London stock market.

The legendary investor might only be moving what for him is the trifling sum of \$2 billion, but Mr Buffett has earned a reputation for successful trend

Yesterday's surprise announcement that Salomon is giving up its independence to join with Travelers brought the Buffett seal of authenticity to another trend: the amalgamation of investment bankers, One might say that Mr Buffett

had been a trifle slow in spotting a movement that has already seen Merrill Lynch thunder into Smith New Court, a host of European organisations change the signs over doors in the Square Mile and even adven-turous British banks buying up US houses.

But that would be to ignore the full range of Mr Buffett's skills, for he has waited to deal until what must be pretty much the top of the market. Other institutions that cannot make it on their own are unlikely to be able to beat the terms that Salomon has

negotiated. The combined bank becomes one of the top players in the international league — a truly global operation. Its ascendance raises more questions over the future of the second liners in a world market that is eventually likely to be dominated by only a handful of investment banks.

#### Fashion victim?

SHAM! AHMED has demonstrated a shrewd business sense in building up his Joe Bloggs brand, becoming one of the youngest millionaires in the country. He has created a clothing empire based on cheap casual wear and a clever name. So it is hard not to feel fearful for his decision to get involved with a woman most famous for designing lavish creations of silk and satin, and whose own dress sense is somewhat questionable.

# Shell Oil launches \$1.4bn bid for Texas company

SHELL OIL, the American arm of the Royal/Dutch Shell group, has launched a \$1.45 billion (£899 million) bid for Tejas Gas, a pipeline and gas storage company based in Texas.

The takeover, which is recommended by the Tejas Gas board, will increase the scale of Shell's extensive gas production and pipeline network in the southern states of America and the Gulf of

In addition, it will consolidate Sheil's control of Coral Energy, one of the top five energy marketing businesses in the US.

Shell is paying \$61.50 for each Tejas share, compared

and will be taking on \$900 million in debt and preference

Tejas has been expanding rapidly with acquisitions, be-coming one of the larger interstate gas pipeline and storage companies, with operations in Texas. Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Tejas brings with it a 44 per cent stake in Coral Energy, a business established in 1995 with Shell Oil. In June, Shell Canada merged its gas marketing operation business with Coral and the Canadian Shell subsidiary acquired a 12 per cent interest in Coral.

Yesterday's deal gives Shell complete ownership of a business with total gas volumes of with a market price of \$50, 6.9 billion cu ft per day, and in the first quarter of this year, Coral marketed 2.2 million companies. megawatt hours of electricity.

Together, Tejas and Shell will own 10,600 miles of interstate pipelines with ac throughput capacity of 8 billion cu it per day. They will also own gas reserves totalling 7.5 trillion cu ft.

Shell is making a significant push worldwide to extend its reach down the "gas chain" with pipeline and power generation projects. In the Gulf of Mexico, Shell Oil has invested heavily in deep water exploration over the past five years. finding huge oil and gastields but deregulation is increasing the competition for market share in the US, causing a margin squeeze among the

leading gas marketing

Over the past three years Tejas has increased earnings by 25 per cent and cash flow by 27 per cent through a series of leveraged acquisitions, making the company, which is based in Houston, a potential takeover target, in spite of its relatively heavy debt load; analysts said.

The deal was approved by the Tejas board, and insiders holding about 19 per cent of the company's stock have agreed to vote for the merger. Jay Precourt, Tejas chief executive, and Frederic Hamilton. chairman, will remain with the company.

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#### Greenalls seeks New chiefs named by Burton

BURTON has taken another step towards demerger with the appointment of three managing directors to run the high street clothing brands that will stay within the main group (Sarah Cunningham

Andy King, current man-aging director of Burton Menswear, will handle the menswear brands. Steve Longdon, managing director of Top Shop/Top Man, will handle women's wear and Hüary Riva, managing director of Evans, will look after the speciality brands.

The multiples business has yet to be renamed.

# healthier future

By DOMINIC WALSH

GREENALLS GROUP, the pub and hotel operator, is to launch a chain of standalone health and fitness clubs as part of an attempt to stem City fears over the group's future. Shares in Greenalls plunged 37th p to 414p yesterday, their lowest level since early 1995, as the group issued a trading statement in which it admitted that its managed pubs estate was suffering from a slowdown in investment and duli trading in the Northwest. Lord Daresbury, Greenalls

chief executive, said the company had suffered from "taking a pause" in the wake of the acquisition of Boddington two years ago just as rival groups

were pumping millions into their estates. Capital expenditure will rise

from £175 million this year to £200 million next, and the group expects some of that money to go into the new chain of health and fitness clubs. Investment in its managed pubs division - yesterday's culprit — will be boosted by £20 million to £110 million.

In the wake of yesterday's profit warning, analysts took a scalpel to their profit forecasts. Nigel Parson, of Chaterhouse Tilney, has shaved £4 million from this year's forecast, to £155 million.

#### **Avonmore** Waterford warning

AVONMORE Waterford, the Irish dairy group forged by the merger earlier this month of two co-operatives, said yesterday that significant ratonalisation costs and asset writedowns will hit results (Sarah Cunningham writes).

It intends to include all the one-off charges in the 1997 results "in as far as it is possible" and expects to see strong earnings growth in 1998. in the half year ended July 5, Avonmore Foods' turnover rose to Ir£647.22 million (£588 million), while pre-tax profit rose to IrEl7 million (IrEl3.1 million). Waterford Foods' pre-tax profits in the half year to June 30 fell to Ir£7.82 million (Ir£10.64 million) as turnover fell to Ir£516.9 million (Ir£540.4 million).

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#### **Flotation** of Energis stake confirmed

THE National Grid confirmed yesterday that it will float a minority stake in Energis, its teleconumunications subsidiary, by the end of the year. The offering is expected to value the company at about El billion.
The Grid probably will sell

between 25 per cent and 30 per cent of Energis, and certainly no more than 49 per cent because it wants to retain The initial public offering

should raise more than £200 million in new money, which will be used to repay share-holder loans of about £230 Energis was created in 1993 when the Grid spotted the

opportunity to use its national electricity transmission net-work to launch a low-cost telecoms carriers. It did so by slinging high-capacity, fibreoptic cables underneath its electricity pylons. Energis has so far cost the Grid almost £600 million in infrastructure costs and operating losses.

Energis got off to a slow start, but is gaining customers rapidly as the demand from internet service providers and media companies for highcapacity networks increases. The company expects to make its first operating profits this year, although it will be several years before it reports net

When Energis appeared to be going nowhere, the Grid considered selling it outright or combining it with another telecoms opeator. Now that its



Mike Grabiner, left, with Chris Hibbert, finance director

fortunes have improved, the Grid wants to retain a major-ity stake. The flotation is designed to build Energis's value in the Grid's share price. Speculation about the flotation has boosted Grid shares in recent weeks, but yesterday they closed at 282's p, down 4p.

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Analysts said Energis could be worth anywhere from 30p to 70p per Grid share. Mike Grabiner. Energis's chief executive, last year agreed an options package that will give him Energis shares valued up to four times his annual salary of about £200,000.

#### Superscape recruits as loss deepens

Superscape, the software group that has seen its shares plunge from 778p to 56p over the past 12 months, saw its pre-tax losses deepen from £2.9 million to £6 million for the year ended July 31, on turnover of £3.1 million, down from £3.9 million.

Losses per share also deepened from 37.9p to 69.6p. No dividend will be paid. The company said it had recruited a new US sales team and repositioned itself as a supplier of interactive 3D products. Its 3D Internet browser will go on sale later this year. The shares rose 19p to 83p.

#### Good start

Electronics Boutique, the video games group, bounced back into the black in the six months to July 31 with a £622,000 pre-tax profit (£3.2 million loss) on sales up from £24.3 million to £42.8 million. Again there is no dividend. Earnings were 0.24p (1.25p

#### Spandex dips

Spandex, the supplier to the sign industry, suffered a fall in pre-tax profits from £4.5 million to £3.6 million on sales of £18 million (£17.9 million). Earnings were 6.9p (8.6p), though the half-year dividend rises from 1.1p to 1.2p. The shares rose from 255p to 262 2p.

#### Brake deal

LucasVarity, the transatlantic engineering group, is to supply braking components to the new Mercedes A class small car, due to be launched in October. It would not reveal the value of the contract.

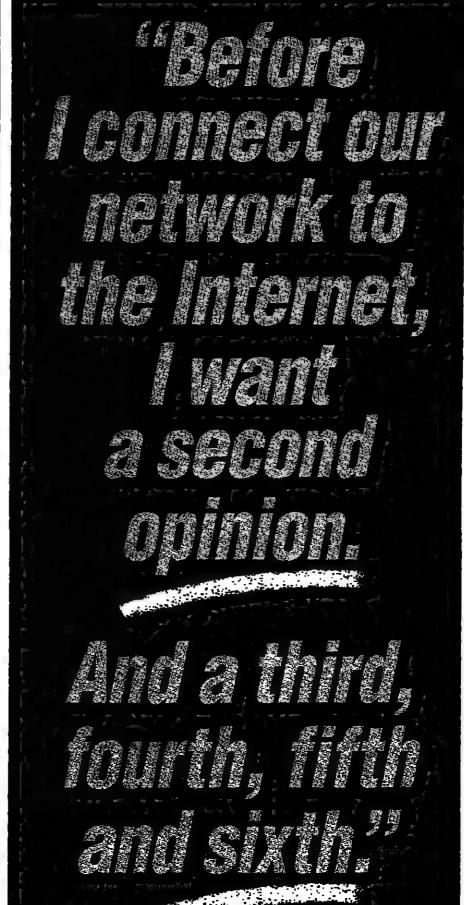
### Jongleurs expands

JONGLEURS, the comedy club joint venture between Regent Inns and John Davey. who founded the concept in London 12 years ago, is to be rolled out nationwide

(Dominic Walsh writes). The original clubs in Battersea and Camden were recently joined by a third, in Bow, East London, and David Franks. managing director of Regent. said yesterday that further

clubs were under construction in Oxford and Leicester. Sites had also been identified in Southampton. Watford, Nottingham and Cambridge. In the year to July 5, Regent

saw a 57 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £126 million on turnover up 40 per cent to £44.4 million. Earnings per share rose 45 per cent to 12.8p. A final dividend of 23p will be paid on November 17, making 3.3p (2.2p).



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# Northern Rock leads the banking sector higher

SHARES of the Northern Rock soared to their highest level on the grey market, raising hopes of a bumper windfall for the building society's 820,000 members.

With less than a week to go before the start of official trading, IG Index, the City bookmaker, was quoting the price at 409p in the middle. Only last weel:, the opening price was being quoted at 388p. That compares with initial estimates by some brokers of just 360p a share.

Each Northern Rock member has been allocated 500 shares, which at last night's closing price were worth £2.045.

Brokers say the rising valuation has been prompted by a revival in demand for the banking sector generally during the past few days. Stock shortages have succeeded in exaggerating those gains. Yesterday, HSBC surged 681ap to £20.07, Abbey National 1712p to 89912p. Lloyds TSB 912p to 773p, Royal Bank of Scotland 1212p to 65112p, Standard Chartered 15p to 86212p, and Bank of Scotland 10p to 47212p.

The rest of the equity market recovered from a shaky start to close at its best of the day. A confident start to trading by government securities ahead of today's second auction was underpinned by an opening rise for the Dow Jones industrial average in New York. The FTSE 100 index finished 49.7 up at 5,077.2 as a total of 790 million shares changed hands.

Brokers say the proposed break-up of the London Underground could turn out to be good news for Railtrack, whose shares responded with a rise of 2312p to 89012p.

GEC fell 4p to 387p despite the best efforts of Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker, which has produced a 50-page tome recommending shares as a "buy".

The profit-takers moved in on National Grid as the price dropped 4p to 28212p after the company confirmed plans to float its Energis telecom business separately for £1 billion.

Granada, up 18p at 86412p, has made a favourable impression with brokers after day. ABN Amro Hoare Govett rates the shares a "buy" while UBS is thought to have increased its profit forecast. Géneral Strauss Turnbull has set a target price

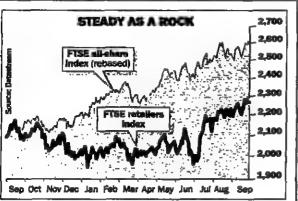


Lord Daresbury, of Greenalls, down 3712p on a warning

for the shares of 890p. Earlier this week Granada concluded the sale of another business. through disposals since it bought Forte to £1.4 billion.

The shock profits warning from Greenalls, where Lord Daresbury is chief executive, left the shares nursing a loss of 3712p at 414p. The time it took to integrate the £500 millionplus acquisition of Boddingtons allowed its competitors to steal ground on the pubs to hotels chain. It means profits in the second half are likely to be flat compared with last year. Brokers have downgraded their forecasts for the full year by £10 million to £154

Brokers paying a visit to Booker, up 3p at 307<sup>1</sup>2p, later today will be hoping the company has something posi-



NOT only are Northern Rock's members excited by its forthcoming flotation, but the high street retailers are also hoping to drum up business on the back of the latest windfall. August may have been a slack month but many of them are pinning their hopes on a bumper run-up to

Nick Bubb, retail analyst at Société Générale Strauss not think they will be disappointed. "The last couple of weeks have al-ready seen momentum pick up, Allders was upbeat and it will be interesting to see results next week from Laura Ashley and Oasis," he

"As long as the weather stays okay we should see a strong run-up to Christmas. People are just starting to realise that. It will be interesting to see if the pattern of spending has spread from big ticket items into cloth-' he added.

Those expected to benefit ons, up 162p at 630p, Kingfisher, 32p better at 797p, Burton Group up Sp at 1334 p. and Carpetright, down 5p at 5124p.

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Prudential Corporat has emerged as the princi buyer of a 5 per cent stake Incepta Group, at 1912p. It now holds 5.4 million shares, or 3.14 per cent, of the public relations firm headed by David Wright, the doyen of City PR. Incepta was steady at

Yet another bid approach lifted JLI Group 1012p to 5512D. This is the second time this year the group has been in talks about a possible bid.

Aquarius stood out with a jump of 1412p at 16512p after splashed out £164,500 on 100,000 shares at 16412p.

News of a bid approach failed to lift Arcadian International, which ended the session 4p cheaper at 6112p. The hotel operator carries a price tag of almost £100 million.

Dailywin responded positively to the news late on Tuesday that it was seeking a listing for its shares in Hong Kong. Shares in the furnishing group closed 10p stronger

A "buy" note from ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, lifted Middlesex Holdings 4p to 84p. Turnover reached 30 million shares. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices were back into positive territo-

ry, supported by firmer US Treasury bonds, while taking comfort from a subdued set of German inflation numbers. With the second of this week's

auctions due later today, investors were unable to drum up too much enthusiasm. In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt

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### **TEMPUS**

# Coming out of its Shell

Houston. A year ago, the company's parent in London mused about a bid for British Gas. The latter was wrestling with expensive takeor-pay gas contracts as well as fighting its regulator, Ofgas. But the situation had interesting possibilities as Shell is a major gas producer in search of markets. BG's pipelines and customers would have given Shell immense clout in the UK energy market. In the end, Shell bottled out; probably wisely. wary of the regulatory risk. But the oil company's pugnacious American arm is moving downstream aggressively and vesterday agreed to take over Tejas, a pipeline and gas marketing company, with a big market

share and an enterprise value of \$24 billion. In the US, too, deregulation of the domestic energy market is causing strife among

THEY do things differently at Shell Oil in competing companies. Upstream energy companies such as Shell and Enron are not just pumping gas out of the ground and generating kilowatts but moving down the chain to market the product to consumers. A profusion of new gas marketing companies has lead to crumbling margins and lower profits.

Shell's move will be followed by more consolidation as market leaders gobble up the weak. This is a game in which a gigantic and relatively slow-moving company such as Shell can win by adding value to its huge gas reserves with pipelines and power stations: projects in Peru, India and the Philippines are under way. The question is whether Shell will extend its reach downstream in Europe by taking over an electricity or gas distributor. It could be expensive but as competition increases. Shell cannot afford to stand aloof in the North Sea.

#### Mid-cap companies

FUND managers who have yielding recovery stocks must be looking wistfully at the US where smaller companies are finally making the moves. Since April the Russell 1,000 index has been outperforming the Dow and technical analysts are expecting a similar correction in London. The hope is that the metal-bashing exporters and domestic service businesses that make up the FTSE 250 index will begin to outperform after lagging the mar-ket leaders for so long.

There are some fundamental reasons to expect a correction. Earnings growth has been stronger in the mid-250 than among the FTSE 100 slipped after its surge against

ing exporters relief on pric-ing and the ability to restore some lost margin. Yet, the correction may prove short-lived. Growth in GDP of less than 2 per cent will provide a weak platform for growth for smaller com-

the mark. If rates in the UK

are peaking, the pound may

find its natural level nearer

DM280 than DM3, providthat has been driving their profits growth. A change in sentiment could well lift the shares of Pilkington or a packaging company such as David Smith but without better underlying markets, the recovery will be brief.

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big oil companies still have

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#### Greenalls

GREENALLS covered itself in sackcloth and ashes vesterday, admitting it had taken its eye off the ball in the wake of the £527 million purchase of Boddington two years ago. Lord Daresbury confessed that while the industry threw £1.5 billion into pubs. Greenalls was sitting on its hands wondering what to do

Belatedly, Greenalls has discovered that its managed estate contains a lot of pubs in weak locations incapable of sustaining the overheads required in a managed operation. These community locals will be shifted into its tenanted and franchised business. It also plans to weed out the worst performers in its northern heartland, where trading this year has been on expanding in the South. Pubs will be sold at the rate of about 100 a year, boosting its coffers as it seeks to catch up with the competition. In the

circumstances, it is just as well Lord Daresbury had second thoughts about selling De Vere Hotels, as seemed likely last year. De Vere lifted revenue per available room by 14.5 per cent in the 11 months to the end of August, while the Village Leisure hotels that came with Boddington were up 10.9 per cent. Plans for a chain of standalone health and fitness clubs are a further sign that Greenalls is tyring to pull its socks up, but it will be some time before its efforts bear

#### Barratt

FROM November 20, Sir Lawrie Barratt retires as chairman of the housebuilder that bears his name, only to pop up again in the vaguely-defined role of "life

might cause anxiety over the succession, but not Barratt. where Sir Lawrie has consistently deflected praise for the

group's post-1991 revival to Frank Eaton, his chief executive. Investors may raise an eyebrow, though, at the prospect of Mr Eaton taking both the title of chief executive and chairman. Barratt says the appointment of a managing director and a non-executive vice-chairman will address these concerns but the profusion of titles is baffling.

Barratt is in a strong position to continue its impressive earnings growth, helped by a weighting to southern England and a healthy land bank, for which it does not appear to have overpaid. A forward p/e for 1997-98 of about 10.8 reflects market scepticism about the sustainability of earnings growth across the housebuilding industry, because of worries about interest rates. But Barratt's potential for signifinewer divisions makes it attractive if you feel pessimism

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rice Waterhouse's ambitious but unimaginative plan to merge with Coopers & Lybrand was instantly panned. Workday business folk enjoy any chance for innocent merriment at the expense of accountants, much as policemen falling down holes or accidentally felled umpires bring out the worst in those of us normally obliged to show respect. An attempt to create the world's biggest professional services group offers plenty of scope for malice before its fate is decided by the votes of 8,500 partners, the thumbs of regulators and the

chequebooks of clients. How different has been the initial reception of another agreed financial services merger that aims to bring together America's Smith Barney and Salomon Brothers. The logic is plain. By putting together complementary businesses, it might create a new one capable of much more than either partner on its own. The lure of adding two and two to make five is so great that Wall Street seems happy to face the punishing pros-

# Five enormous piggies are too few

pect of melding two firms with

wildly different cultures.

The purpose of both mergers is ultimately the same: to create a world-scale firm with the clout to compete in any market and capable of tackling any task that its increasingly global clients are likely to throw at it. By being ahead of the game that its clients are playing, each seeks to gain a lasting commercial advantage.

One reason for the contrasting responses is that Coopers and Price Waterhouse are remarkably similar. Putting the two together doubtless fills in geographical and personnel weaknesses. Its chief aim, however, is to make a new firm similar to the old ones but bigger, able to cut more costs, beef up information consultancy and deploy more resources to fastgrowing markets in post-Communist economies. The timing is also a little suspicious, coming after a long boom. The last round of mergers, which cut the big eight to the big six by bringing together the smallest, came at the end of the 1980s. Partners of Price Waterhouse.

the most upmarket in its own collective mind, refused to dance that time. Now it is number six and has been feeling exposed, especially in America. If "CLPW" is born and the big six become five, Deloitte Touche Tomahtsu, then fifth, may well embrace Ernst & Young, by then number four. After another economic cycle KPMG, by then the smallest of four, might look to fulfil the prophecy that there will only be three world accountancy firms in the next

Surely, the strategic thinking of the world's top financial advisers cannot be as silly as that. On this thinking the key is to get your



would be allowed.

Many industries have fewer truly global competitors. Investment banking is one. But thereby

hangs the essential difference. Consolidation among securities houses is building more top houses. Salomon Smith Barney would be one of those itching to challenge Goldman Sachs's profitable dominance in global equity issues. Five years hence there might be eight world-class firms instead of three or four today. This is a creative process of evolution that adds to choice. Shrinking accountancy's big six

just cuts competition. Except in countries with distinctive accounting systems, there is no buoyant second layer of big firms to fill the spaces left by mergers. The world firms, all Anglo-Saxon, have driven out many medium-sized play-ers, notably in English-speaking countries. The merger may be aimed at servicing a few key mutinationals, but Coopers has about 5,000 audit customers in the UK alone. To compete, mediumsized firms have had to specialise. for instance in owner-managed firms, travel or show business.

The combined CLPW would audit 30 per cent of America's Fortune 500 top companies. In

Britain, by histroical accident, a bizarre situation would be created. CLPW would audit more than half the top hundred UK quoted companies. Realistically, such companies have only the other four to choose from. This is untenable. Competition authorities will surely insist on sharing that business around. Will UK partners vote for losing two in five of their top national clients? Possibly not.

Accountancy has become a complex monopoly because of the need to avoid conflicts of interest. In some deals, a potential client is lucky to have any choice of top accountant or solicitor. Another merger will make things worse. The UK authorities, directly or via Brussels, should be suspicious when fees are already far from

The last thing we want is to stifle the development of accountancy, which is one of the UK's most

competitive sectors. Firms should. however, look to other ways to achieve their ends. One or two could cede a lot of routine national business to concentrate on big clients, though none might be brave enough to do this first. They could grow by adding local firms where that is still possible, by franchising their brand names or by using local firms as feeders for their global services. There could more effort to overcome barriers to combining with law firms and to amed the doctrine of joint and several liability, which leads to insolvency accountances suing other accountants for billions.

If capital is short, perhaps accountants should reconsider the partnership system more funda-mentally. Short of converting to full company status, CL and PW might ponder that Goldman Sachs manages with fewer than 200 partners against their combined 8,500. Most of all, management consultants need to be more creative about their own affairs, Internal logic that falls foul of public realities is no logic at all.

# Firm behind \$10m liar's poker is dealt a \$9bn safer hand

**Eric Reguly** tells the story of the bank that returned from the edge of failure

The idea that Salomon Brothers would be one day be owned by an insurance company would have been laughable in the 1980s. Salomon was a fiercely independent operation, one that combined the raw energy and in-your-face aggression of Drexel Burnham Lambert, Mike Milken's legendary shop, with the re-spectability of Morgan Stan-ley. The combination prod-uced the most powerful trad-ing machine that Wall Street had ever seen. It was home to the "Big Swinging Dicks", immortalised by Liar's Poker, Michael Lewis's book about Salomon's rise and its often brutal culture. Now it is be owned by Trav-

elers Group, a somewhat genteel financial services giant best known for selling life, property and casualty insurance and annuities. The takeover, paid for in Travelers' shares, values Salomon at \$9 billion (£5.6 billion) and will vault Travelers, which also owns Smith Barney, a domestic American investas ment and brokerage firm, into the international financial big

in London alone, Salomon has 1,300 employees, equivalent to more than a fifth of its worldwide total, and Peter Middleton, the former monk who runs Salomon's European operations, has become one of the best-known bankers on the Continent.

Salomon lost much of its power and glamour in the early 1990s and its takeover began to seem inevitable. In the first half of the decade, it got clobbered by a US Treasuries auction scandal, deep losses in its energy unit and bond trading operations, and wave after wave of defections. While Warren Buffett, America's best-known investor, used his financial resources and business savvy to stabilise the firm, he failed to restore it to its former glory. Globalisation and the effort



Warren Buffett invested heavily in Salomon as he nursed the firm back to health after a financial scandal

firms were the forces that ended its indepedence. The big three - Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley and Merrill Lynch — became bigger and more powerful in almost every area except fixed-income trading. A senior banker in Salomon's London office said: We really didn't want to get taken over but we recognised that we were lagging behind in the race to create a fullservice global bank. If were were going to be taken over by anyone, Travellers was the

ogical candidate." Travelers' Smith Barney unit and Salomon appear to complement each other well. Smith Barney has virtually no presence outside the US: Salomon has considerable international reach, notably in Europe, Salomon has no retail distribution capabilities: Smith Barney does. Smith Barney has a strong presence in equities, municipal finance asset management;

income trading. Although it is trying hard, Salomon is not considered a player in the equities market.

Sandy Weill, chairman and chief executive of Travelers, said: "The complementary strengths of these two organisations, combined with the impressive talent of the people on both sides, will create a financially powerful and formidable competitor in virtually every facet of the securities business, in any region of the

he new group, to be called Salomon Smith Barney, will rank third in equity under-writing, second in US debt underwriting, first in municipal finance and fourth in mergers and acquisitions. The pro-forma balance sheet will have \$9 billion of equity. making it the second-largest securities firm by that measure, after Morgan Stanley.

Salomon's strength is fixed. The market reaction to the merger was immediately positive. IBCA, the London credit ratings agency, said the two firms were a natural fit and pointed out that the one area of conern "is the challenge the management will have in conbining two firms with distinct-

ly different cultures". Indeed, Salomon is renowned for its risk-taking culture. Its greatest successes came from proprietary trad-ing, the Wall Street argot for betting the ranch. Salomon was genetically programmed to gamble. Liar's Poker took its name from the high-stake betting game played by Salomon's traders. John Gutfreund, Salomon's chairman during its heydey in the 1980s, raised the stakes to absurd levels in 1986, the year when Salomon reached the height of its power and arrogance. In what has since

become a legendary challenge,

he approached John Meri-

wether, one of the firm's star

traders, and said: "One hand, one million dollars, no tears." Meriwether's response: "No, John . . . ten million dollars, no

Salomon was founded in 1910 by Arthur, Herbert and Percy Salomon as a money brokerage firm. During the First World War, it became a US government securities dealer and specialised in bond trading. This formed the bulk of its business until the late 1970s, when Gutfreund became managing partner. His first big move was a merger with Philbro Corp, an international oil and commodities trader. In the 1980s, Salomon made a fortune in mortgage-backed securities, a market it dominated, and turned an army of young traders into instant millionaires.

The good times, of course, could not last forever. The mortgage market eventually went into the tank and Salomon suffered losses in the 1987 stock market crash. Salomon

withdrew from the municipal bond and commercial paper market and made the mistake of entering the leveraged buyout game. Two buyouts that it backed, Southland and Revco, became spectacular bankruptcies. But the worst was yet to come.

In 1991, there was talk that Salomon was manipulating US Treasury auctions, a tightly regulated market that does not allow any one player to buy more than 35 per cent of an issue. Salomon was exceeding the limit through unauth-

orised bids; it bought 94 per cent of the May 1991 issue. Complaints triggered a Se-curities and Exchange Commission investigation. Gutfreund resigned and Warren Buffett was installed as chairman to restore confidence. He appointed Robert Denham, a Texan who was one of his lawyers, and the British-born Deryck Maughan, as Salomon's top Deryck

Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway group became Salomon's biggest investor and Buffett sold assets to keep Salomon afloat during the Treasury crisis. His efforts allowed Salomon to pull through, but the overhaul of a controversial bonus scheme, which had allowed top employees to earn more than \$20 million each when the firm was losing hundreds of millions, backfired. Morale sank and dozens of top managers and traders defected to rival firms. The resignations became so frequent that, by 1995, Salomon's very survival came into

n the end, Maughan was forced to modify the compensation plan. Stability returned and markets were booming. The next year, 1996, became the second best in the company's history, with net income of \$617 million.

Salomon's return from near death, of course, only made it a more attractive merger partner. Its main strength was still fixed-income trading and this alone would not ensure its success in the global securities market. Smith Barney and Salomon together will be a formidable force, but their merger marks the end of an era. It is hard to imagine games of liar's poker being played on the trading floor of a group controlled by an insurance company.

# For Joe Bloggs it isn't only in the jeans

Jon Ashworth considers the ability of

Shami Ahmed to seize the moment

ichard Branson would approve. At 35, Shami Ahmed, the man behind the Joe Bloggs clothing label, has proved every bit as adept at seizing the marketing moment. He did it when Brian Lara hit 501 runs for Warwickshire, inviting a highly public spat with Levis. Now he has hit the headlines again, stepping in to "save" Elizabeth Emanuel, as much a household name, thanks to the Royal Wedding, as Joe Bloggs is not. For a self-made millionaire,

Ahmed cuts a surprisingly lowkey figure. All the potential is there - homes in Manchester and London, luxury cars - but Ahmed has largely succeeded in evading the gossip columnists. Born in Pakistan, he arrived in the UK in 1965 when his father, an engineer in the RAF, was posted to Lancashire.

Jets led to jeans, with the family opening a market stall in Burnley. When Ahmed was 14, the family moved to Manchester, opening a shop called Dollar Jeans. Known at school for his im-

maculate dress sense, Ahmed

did not excel academically, leaving at 16 with two O levels, and a warning from his teachers that he would come to nothing. He formed Joe Bloggs in 1986 — the name was intended to be "British and commonsounding" - and was lucky enough to hit it big with Manchester teenagers, just as the "Madchester" club scene was taking off. The clothes became popular on the terraces, even making their way into the 1991 FA Cup Final, through sponsorship deals with Tottenham Hotspur and Nottingham Forest. Famously, Paul Gascoigne

refused to comply.

Fuelled by bands like the Stone Roses and Happy Mondays, "Madchester" set Ahmed

on his way. Today he is worth at least £30 million, and enjoys all the trappings, with a chauffeur-driven Bentley, a Rolls-Royce, a penthouse in Manchester and a home in London. He no longer wears a gold Rolex — once his trademark but is still an occasional visitor to Tramp, the fashionable London nightclub.

Ahmed married in January. and says he is most likely to be found these days enjoying a quiet meal at Harry's Bar. Four years ago, he was more intent on grabbing headlines with products such as "the world's most expensive pair of jeans" — diamond-encrusted, and valued at more than

eans were just the begin-ning. Joe Bloggs has ex-panded to embrace toiletries, soft drinks, women's wear, children's wear, sunglasses and even compilation albums. The group of com-panies has sales of more than £50 million. As with Richard Branson's Virgin, the growth is driven by licensing deals, taking Joe Bloggs as far afield as Japan and America. In the past three years, Ahmed has diversified into UK property, investing through a vehicle called The Legendary Property

Company.

One of Ahmed's most successful moves was backing Brian Lara at the height of his cricketing fame. His plans for a "501" series of jeans and Tshirts resulted in a heated clash with Levis, which threatened legal action to protect their 501 label. Ahmed compromised by calling his label five hundred and one. The affair was later dismissed as a dever PR stunt. Buying Elizabeth Emanuel could prove his shrewdest move vet.

# Water works

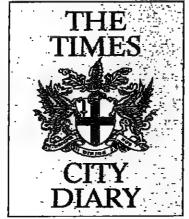
WHAT is the difference between a managing director and a chief executive? I am none the wiser after asking Thames Water, which yesterday announced the promotion of Bill Alexander from the former to the latter. Sir Robert Clarke used to be non-executive chairman, but became an executive chairman when the former chief executive, Mike Hoffman, was turfed out 18 months ago. This meant they didn't need a chief executive, except that now they do.



"Right, you. Who's this Joe Bloggs then?

Because Clarke is retiring in 18 months. I think I have got that right. Perish the thought that the news was meant to draw attention away from the impending departure, at age 52, of another board member. Bill Harper. He has been concentrating on strategy and systems, and has done such a good job that he has strategised and systematised himself out of a job. Negotiations about a payoff are continuing.

I WAS chatting to a City type, best unnamed, a couple of days after the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. when he let slip that a couple of clients were debating using this as the basis for profits warnings — and not just in retail. Hard to believe anyone would be so cynical, and I thought no more of it. Now Reg Vardy, the motor dealer that even sounds like a motor dealer, if you take my meaning, has blamed the Diana effect. Said my man in the sheepskin coat yesterday: The death of Diana, Princess of Wales, had a marked impact on demand and as a result we suffered a decline in sales. Of motors, like. We anticipate however, that the shortfall can be made up over the coming weeks. So it ain't all bad, tragic though it is for us all, guv nor. Do you a nice second-hand Ford Orion.



driver, schoolmistress, only used it to go to church on Sundays."

#### Swiss roll

HUGELY puzzling why one largely unknown Swiss-Swedish engineer should keep winning plaudits as the most respected company in Europe. ABB Asea Brown Boveri. Have you heard of it? Thought not. Yet it has won top slot in the latest in a string of opinion polls among chief executives across Europe from the Financial Times and Price Waterhouse. Four times in a row now. Don't ask me why. The other consistent performer has been Nestle, which I still associate with Ernest Saunders and the eight thousand on the clock, one Third World baby milk scandals of

the 1970s. But the Swiss chocolate box has had to share second place this time with British Petroleum.

I ask my informant just why an obscure and, let's face it, dull company which splits its parentage, what is more, between the two dullest countries in Europe should keep winning. There's an element of continuity about this thing," he says cynically. "Once you have established yourself as a respected company . . .

THE annual Carnivores Club dinner at the Butchers' Hall, a joint celebration of meat eating between Groupe Chez Gerard and Chester Boyd, is never short of a clever stunt to wave in front of the lettuce-eaters last year they sent out pickled sheep, à la Damien Hurst, with the invites. This year's has run into a problem. Chester Boyd is Sir Roger Cork's company. There were plans to drive a couple of sheep across Tower Bridge, relying on his ancient right as Lord Mayor to do just that. A live bull will also feature at the dinner on October 16. But the farmers providing the sheep got cold feet. They were worried about the animals' safety.

#### Shar-key

THE Hamilton Gallery in Mayfair yesterday hosted a party for the 50th birthday of John Sharkey. His career has taken in Saatchi & Saatchi, the Tory Party, an attempt to buy the Mirror Group and now the agency

BST. The best present came from Manpower, the US recruitment consultant which Sharkey ran briefly after he joined Tony Berry's Blue Arrow. Berry sent Sharkey to Manpower's Milwaukee HQ with orders to "change the locks and fire anyone

called Fromstein". But Mitchell Fromstein, Manpower's boss, was made of sterner stuff. He fought Berry and gained control of Blue Arrow, ousting both Berry and Sharkey. Manpower's present to Sharkey yesterday was a framed key with the legend: "The doors to Manpower are always open."

MARTIN WALLER



Fromstein: long memory for man from Milwaukee



for foreign firms

David Crawford introduces a report on relocation and tells how the UK has become a magnet

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# Flying the flag and wooing the investors

Street Journal described the UK as "the most attractive country" for a foreign firm wanting a manufacturing presence in Europe. Speaking at last week's launch of the East of England

Investment Agency, Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, was at pains to underline Labour's commitment to main-taining the "UK's

number one position in Europe for attracting investment". The 1997 World Investment Report from

the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

the success of the Invest in Britain Bureau, set up 30 years ago by a previous Labour government and now given enhanced status by coming under both the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Department of Trade and Industry. Unctad shows foreign direct investment in the UK rising to \$8 billion and to \$30 billion in 1996 for the European Union as a whole.

vestments by the Korean electronic giants LG Group and Hyundai, which announced plans worth £4 billion.

Our new post-election factor is devolution for Scotland and Wales, which aroused local fears over investment implica-tions. While defending Labur's commitment to devolving powers back to the people",

We must pull together ... as long as we all co-operate, devolution will have a positive effect'

> Mrs Beckett stresses that "the UK can only benefit properly if we all pull together". She added: That means

to overseas companies of the advantages of investing in the UK, regardless of regional differences. As long as we all co-operate in this, devolution will have a positive effect."

It is clear in any case that major business moves, inward cations are increasingly based on complex corporate and

A survey of 50 British and UK-based multinational companies shows that saving costs - for example, by moving to a cheaper region - is now way down the priority list as com-

pared with increasing competition, globalisation of markets, business growth and changing technology.
"Multinationals no longer expand country by country," added Andrew Gould, a part-

ner in international

Jones Lang Wootton, who carried out the survey for one of the UK's largest commercial property owners. With all their operations now linked by information technology, they can look at Europe

and select the most competitive location to carry out each A good example is logistics.

which would previously have

favoured locations in, for ex-

ample, a Benelux country. But US construction toy manufacturers K'Nex has taken advan-

One of the largest growth areas involves call centres, expected to employ one million people in the UK by 2001 and one of the world's most siteflexible businesses thanks to advances in telecommunications. London Electricity's calls are handled in Sunderland, Virgin Rail's in Edin-

plant at Ashford in Kent.

burgh and Holiday Inns' in Amsterdam. Language skills are obviously critical, and the tage of the Channel Tunnel to UK scores thanks to its many resident ethnic groups. base its European assembly

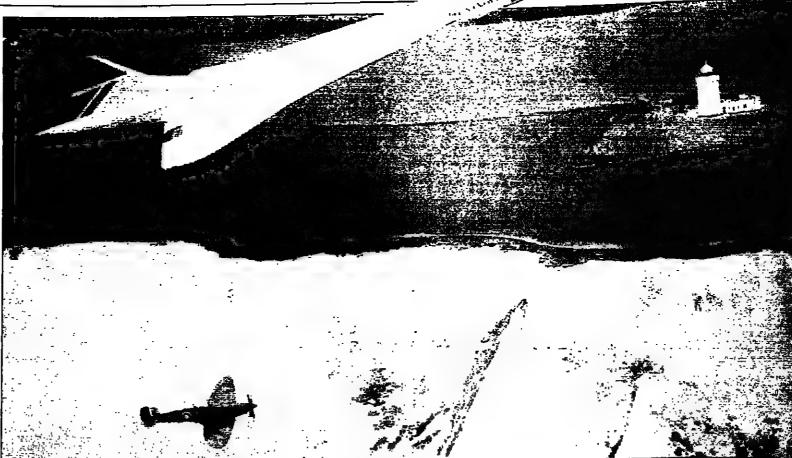
> is also growing with the spread of English as a world communication medium, while traditional landmark headquarters buildings are not necessarily the answer as companies rely on "fewer but cleverer people". Gould said.

Theoretically these trends could free companies to locate themselves almost anywhere. But the fewer but cleverer employees are aware of their worth and capable of expressing preferences for living and working in attractive places which could mean fresh demands for city-centre locations well equipped to house smaller and more cost-effective, but more intelligent, offices as well as for metropolitan living.

"Soft" issues of environment, consultation and com-

munications are proving increasingly vital in securing staff support. Meticulous planning underlies operations such as BT's decentralisation to strategically based M25 sites (for instance Stockley Park near Heathrow) and the Ministry of Defence Procurement Executive's recently formed relocation, moving more than 7,000 employees from 15 offices in London, the South Coast and Bath, to a purpose-built HQ at Abbey

Soft issues are even more sensitive when it comes to the international relocation of senior company executives. Bids to woo investment in the UK from the world's emerging markets are being supported by developments such as the link-up between Hambro Countrywide Relocation and Eastern European logistics ex-Hayklan Concepts, which is already working closely with Russian and other Eastern European companies



Best of Britain: Concorde and a Spittire fly over the white cliffs of Dover, which beckon overseas investors to set up businesses here

# Valleys move into top gear

WALES'S narrow "yes" vote should not stille inward investment, according to the Welsh Development Agency (WDA).

"Companies consider locations on a Europe-wide bainternational director, Hil-ary Hendy. "They come across regional assemblies while undertaking site evaluations in continental Europe. So they will not be surprised to find a similar structure operating in Wales."

This financial year the WDA is on target to meet its goal of creating 8,000 jobs and attracting £400 million in capital investment.

The Japanese car component manufacturer Toyoda and TRW of America have established a £10.7 million joint venture at Neath. The plant will create 200 jobs manufacturing pumps for steering systems.

Last month two more Japanese manufacturers came to Wales to supply inward investors resident in Britain. Yajima and Yamada arrived within a week, and both chose to locate in Ebbw Vale.

The precision engineering firm Yajima is investing E6 million in a plant producing metal frames for Sony's television tubes, creating 70 jobs. Yamada (Wales's 54th Japanese-owned manufacturing business) is establishing a £3 million automotive components plant. Its 100 new staff will produce oil and water

pumps for Honda Ebbw Vale and the Gwent

Valleys have also been successful in attracting American investment. The electricai connector manufacturer Aeromotive undertook a £1 million expansion in the town. And automotive components manufacturer Ten-neco invested £12 million at its Tredegar plant, creating 100 new jobs in the process. These investments indicate that the WDA is fulfilling the

Government's objective of locating businesses away from the M4 corridor. Similarly in North Wales, the German companies Bos and FAUN have unveiled projects in Wrexham and Anglesey, which lie outside the A55 corridor. Car components manufac-

turer Bos is undertaking a EIO million expansion at its Wrexham plant, creating 100 new jobs. FAUN has bought a local bin lorry manufacturing plant on Anglesey. After its £2.3 million investment, it has won a major contract to

supply Hong Kong. Most companies that have relocated or expanded in Wales this summer are in the automotive industry. This is a key sector and employs more than 15,000 people in almost 70 plants.

Another key sector is elec-tronics. After netting LG last year, Wales is keen to attract another major player. Speculation is mounting that Taiwanese computer giant Acer will locate its European manufacturing plant in Wales, creating 1,000 jobs.

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IOLA SMITH President of Yamada with Peter Hain, Minister for Wales

# Peace equals prosperity

NORTHERN IRELAND

THE prospects for peace in Northern Ireland, with the resumed ceasefire and the start of all-party talks, have added to the healthy economic signs appearing in the Province. The signals are strong that the political and tribal divisions that have scarred Northern Ireland for so long are being treated with a most effective antidote: more jobs, a richer economy, and a future bevond the dole queue.

There is ample evidence that this optimism is based on more than illusory pie in the Antrim skies. Unemployment, which peaked at 17.2 per cent in October 1986, last month dropped to a 17-year low of 7.9 per cent. The present record number in employment has grown by nearly 7 per cent over the past five years, four times the overall UK growth rate. Northern Ireland's GDP has doubled that of the UK in real terms, manufacturing output rose by 19 per cent in the past five years and according to the Industrial Development Board for Northern Ireland (IDB), the forecast is that employment and population will both rise faster than any other of the UK's 11 regions. That would make Northern Ireland the second fastest expanding region in Britain.

Barry Gilligan, chief executive of Ewart PLC, the only public property development company in the Province, said the IRA ceasefire and the start of talks had opened the road to political stability. 'Nobody can be in any doubt about the benefits this will bring," he said. Ewart this week reported a

leap in pretax profits from £1.8 million to £2.6 million. Company policy has been to trade out of investment property in mainland Britain to reinvest in Northen Ireland property.

The Belfast Hilton, in

which Ewart is a partner, is to have an extra floor of bedrooms, making it the largest hotel in the Province. and planning permission has been requested to extend residential and leisure schemes at the company's Lanyon Place development. Coopers & Lybrand's an-

nual salary survey last December showed a 36 per cent increase in the profits of leading firms, while the Europe-wide survey by Grant Thornton, the international accountancy group, found that one third of all owner-managed businesses expected to have created more jobs by the end of the year, twice the UK average and four times the European expectation.



Barry Gilligan on top of Belfast's Hilton Hotel

Even the small business sector experienced a 37 per cent upturn in sales during the second half of last year, says the IDB. Its list of economic success stories is long, with the prospect of more to come, particularly in

high technology. BT's £9.1 million investment in a telemarketing centre in southwest Belfast offers training for the young unemployed.

RONALD FAUX

# A prescription for success

SCOTLAND

A WARNING that Scotland could face the same problems as Thailand if it relies on the job-intensive "assembly straitjacket" has been swiftly followed by announcements of further blue-chip investments north of the border.

Scotland has excelled itself In the quality of inward investment, yet Robert Crawford, now on secondment to the World Bank from Scottish Enterprise, has been spreading a cautionary

"Scotland's recent economic advances will only be maintained if we move from a dependency on comparative advantage, such as a well-educated, relatively inexpensive labour pool, to one where the latter may not actually be putting the products together, but is design-ing, marketing and controlling their distribution." he

The two developments that should please Crawford are in the field of call centres and drugs. Scotland has pioneered the development of call centres in the UK. More than 100 centres employ 10,000 people, and this year First Direct, BT, Midland Bank, Tesco and Thomas Cook have plans for new centres. Now a second generation

emerging. The latest, Tele-tech, an American company, takes on technical support for hi-tech companies, involving skilled workers and employment for graduates. Up to 800 people could be em-ployed at a centre planned for the Glasgow area.

The availability of highly qualified chemistry graduates has also been a factor in the decision of the Dutch pharmaceutical company, Organon, to set up a £16 million research development, bringing 60 new jobs to its centre in Lanarkshire. All its depression and psychosis research will be carried out there. Sam Galbraith, the Health Minister, said the jobs were evidence that inward investment in Scotland did not rely on simple "screwdriver" operations.

Scotland now claims to be the semi-conductor capital of Europe, with 13 per cent of its output and employing 8,000 people. The jewel in the crown is the £2.4 billion development of two plants in Dunfermline by Hyundai, which will create up to 2,000 jobs and a further 1,600 in construction. It is Europe's

largest inward investment. The Japanese company Nikon has also opened the of specialised centres is UK's first semi-conductor Office Industry Minister:



Brian Smith, left, and Shiego Ono at the centre's opening

education and application centre at Livingstone, providing training for companies in Scotland and around the world. Shigeo Ono. chair-man of Nikon Corporation. told Brian Smith, the Scottish

"The benefits of this new centre will be considerable as the engineers who complete their training here will receive instruction in cuttingedge technology.

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# Full steam ahead for new jobs for old

n Cornwall, workers at the old 200-year-old Redruth Brewery are making Yixing, a rice-based Chinese lager under licence and are planning to

export it to China In York the historic railway carriageworks, which closed in 1995, will soon be employ-ing 300 people making 2,500 freight wagons for the European market for the Chicagobased Thrall Car. In the spring, Hitachi announced a new company, based at Bolton, to provide practical solutions to Europe's tough

exhaust regulations. From beer to biochemicals, from motorcars to microchips, investment from overseas firms is booming in England and is set to outstrip even last year's record levels when foreign firms accounted for at least £5.5 billion in capital investment. In the first six months of this year, England gained 315 of the 426 UK inward investment projects, according to management consultants Ernst & Young.

The attractions include relatively low labour costs, com-bined with an improved productivity record and a "flexible" labour force. Language is also an important attraction. "Cultural factors have played a role in attracting American and Japanese investors, who have a greater affinity with the UK than with some of the continental countries," says Mr Rees.

England is particularly at-tractive for electronics, pharmaceuticals, the automobile industry, telecommunications and call centres and hightechnology industry.

Many of the UK's 50 science parks are in England, with close links to universities. Mitsubishi Electric's decision to base its European research and development centre in England owed much to the presence of Surrey University, John Grigsby on

the role culture

plays in

attracting investment

ENGLAND

where it is located. The Cambridge Science Park forms the nucleus of a cluster of 1,000 high technology firms in the area. Nigel Davis, managing director of Innovir, the US biochemical company, says that the firm was drawn to Cambridge "because of its proximity to cutting-edge science and technology".

The 19 English New Towns

have played a significant part. More than 1.300 overseas firms have moved there, and with 4.670 acres earmarked for employment use, the Comminission for the New Towns is energetically market-ing sites abroad. Milton Keynes, for example, has attracted more than 50 Japanese firms without offering financial inducements.

The success of Cambridge, as well as much of southern England, has been achieved without the help of regional investment agencies. The East of England Agency only started operating in April and South East Regional Investments Ltd became the last in the network of ten English

ning of this month. York set up an inward investment board, funded by the city council and business, which negotiated with Thrall Car in what Paul Murphy, chief executive of the board. regards as the most significant inward investment from the US this year. "Thrall Car's

regional agencies at the begin-

arrival has given the city a tremendous boost."

Locate in Kent, another council-business partnership, has helped five French firms to cross the Channel this year, and has 340 overseas-owned companies employing 29,500

people.

One of its attractions is Kings Hill, a mixed development business park near West Malling, which has attracted ten overseas companies. Day Runner International and Magna Interior Systems have also sited their European headquarters there.

The Northern Development Company is regarded as one of the most successful of the regional organisations, attracting to the North East over the decade 520 projects with a capital value of more than £8.8 billion, including Nissan, Siemens, Samsung and Fujitsu.

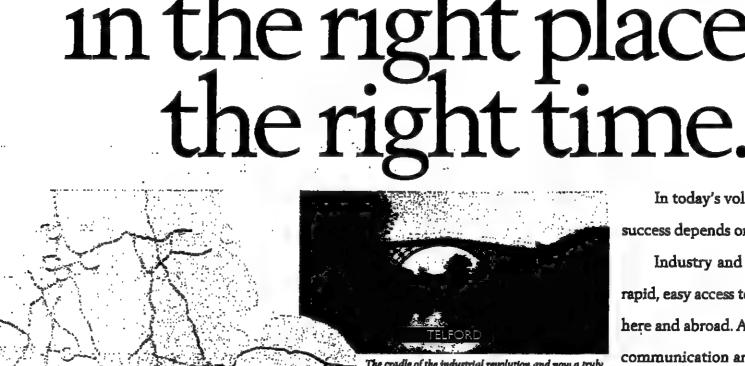
lan Jones, deputy chief exec-utive for Devon & Cornwall International, says: "When companies are coming from America and Europe, they look at the main centres of industry which are the Midlands, the North and around London. We have to work hard to persuade companies to look at our area.

\*Once we get them here, they like what they see."

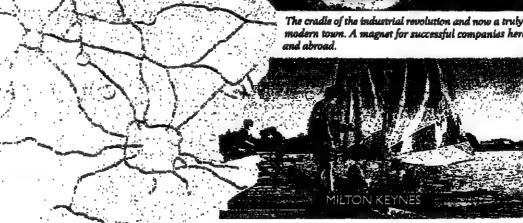


Tom Tutty, 67, a former rail worker at the York carriage works, celebrates the arrival of the Chicago-based Thrall Car at the old works site

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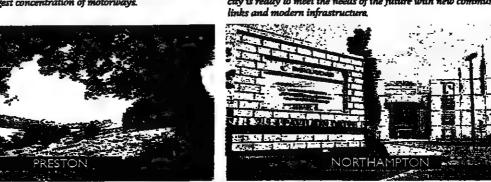


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David Crawford writes. The new central focus for

strategic planning and economic development, regeneration and integrated transport is also seen as a potential business benefit. "We look to mayor to be a supersalesman or saleswoman for London at home and abroad," says Patrick Kerr of London First Centre (LFC). the capital's inward investment agency.

Last month, LFC announced its 100th new arrival in the shape of the American call centre teleservice opera-tion ITC Group, which has its first UK base in Harrow. With 70 per cent of completed projects hailing from North America, the common thread, said centre chairman Sir Colin Marshall in welcoming ICT, is that "London is their professional gateway to the

European single market". Analysis of LFC results shows that more than half the 33 London boroughs have benefited from new investments secured and existing ones safeguarded. This has demonstrated the centre's ability to work beyond the

boundaries of its founding sponsors of Westminster, the City and Docklands.

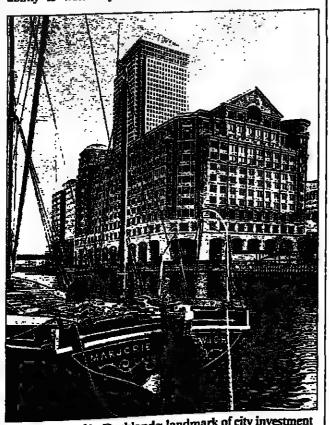
the City Corporation's policy resources committee says: "Our strength is the clustering of primary financial markets and supporting professional services, which no other global centre can

The City is defending its role as a global financial centre with initiatives such as the Corporation of London Economic Development Unit, set up to implement its firstever economic development strategy, and CEENET. Formed in 1995, initially to target Central and Eastern Europe, CEENET has now widened its remit to encouraging financial practitioners from all the world's economic growth zones to open City

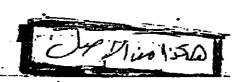
offices. With sites enjoying plan ning consent for a record 1.5 million square metres of offices, deputy City Surveyor Peter Bennett is confident that the City can accommodate

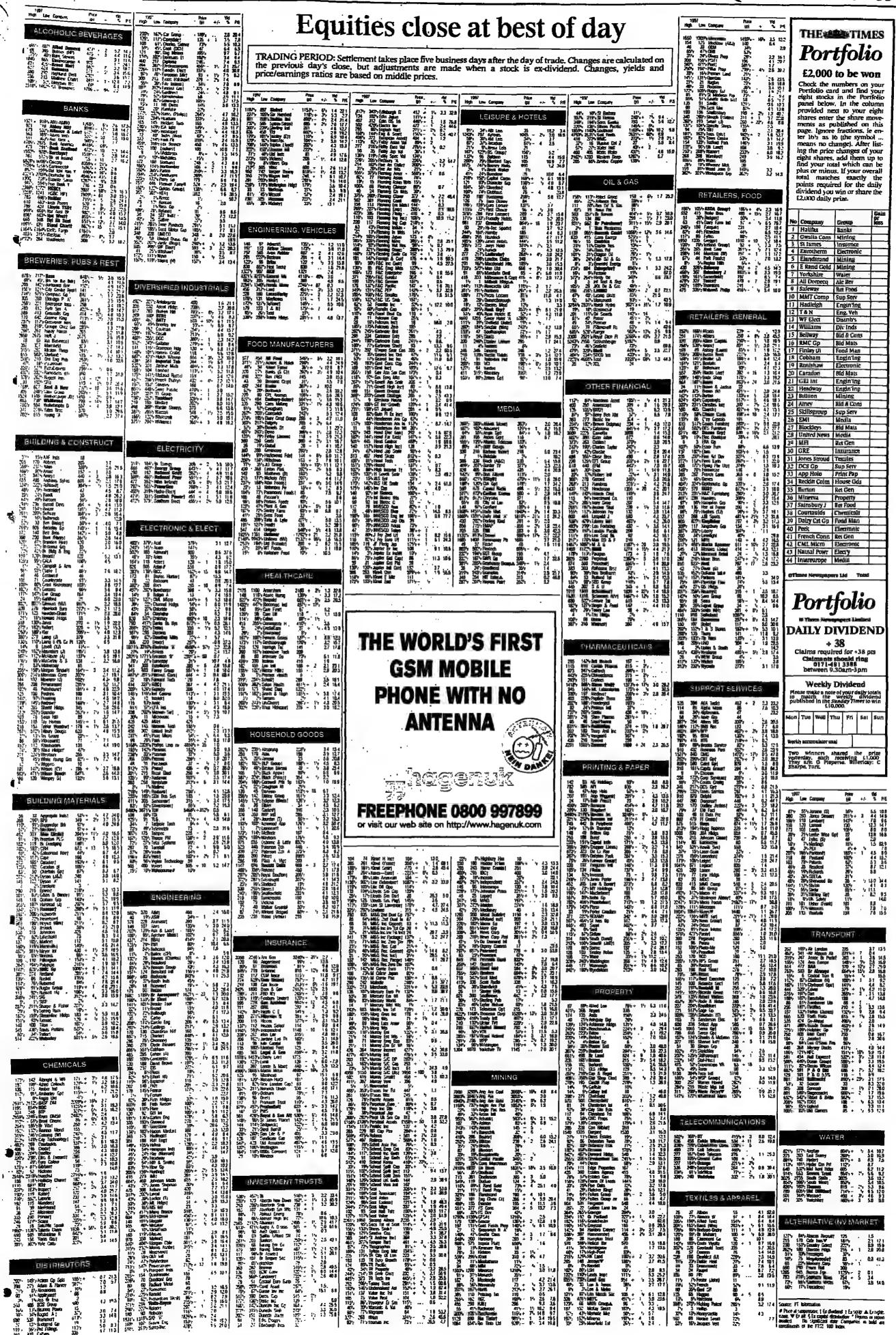
new investors.

Docklands is one of several centres highlighting London's eastern corridor. The Thames Gateway Partnership is focusing attention along a line leading from the City to new economic nodes like Chatham Maritime and emphasising locations such as Tharnes-



Canary Wharf in Docklands: landmark of city investment





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At the Toronto Film Festival, Geoff Brown watches the big distributors fight to sign up the youthful prizewinners

# Moguls tie up surprise packages

press and industry folk attending the Toronto International Film Festival. Before a screening you queue to sign in. You queue to get your cinema admission ticket. Then you queue to penetrate the auditorium, where the previous film is running over. The film you have come to see finally over. you may have to race uptown to a different venue — and perform the same ritual.

None of this stopped the throngs doing business at this teeming, essential event: catching up on the state of world cinema, buying and selling, or simply schmoozing. More money changed hands at this year's festival - the 22nd — than at any

**6** The adult Thom Fitzgerald, a young film-maker from Nova Scotia, found himself the toast of the business town with his quirky first feature provided The Hanging Garden: everyone the biggest liked it, and MGM bought it for discovery **9** American distribution. Another new

talent, Trey Parker, signed on the dotted line for a multi-picture distriwith October bution deal all because of Films, Orgazmo, a wild comedy about a Mormon actor who finds fame and chaos as a porno movie superhero.

The adult entertainment business also provided Toronto with its biggest discovery, Paul Thomas Anderson's Boogie Nights, a dynamic look at Los Angeles's porn scene in the late 1970s and 1980s. Anderson's previous feature, Hard Eight (due soon in Britain), never suggested a talent bold enough to mount a two-and-ahalf hour epic teeming with characters, swirling with camera movements, crowded with volatile emotions.

We follow the fortunes of the film-making family of porn movie director Jack Horner (played by Burt Reynolds: his best role for a long time). An amiable lad (Mark Wahlberg) becomes his new star. Dirk Diggler by name. Dirk gets sucked into drugs and partying, and grows an enormous ego. Decline and fall follow; he becomes a hustler and petty crook, while Horner continues to deliver the goods into the

told: Anderson weaves in almost as many lives as Robert Altman in The Player or Short Cuts. Sometimes his ambition gets the better of his skills, but he never misjudges the tone. Lubricious gazing at flesh is avoided: so is high censoriousness. To Anderson these people are flawed people like any others, in need of love, support, and our understanding. The assembled media voted Boogie Nights the festival's joint best film, together with Curtis Hanson's LA.

Confidential. Life in Toronto was not all porn and naughtiness. There were no jockstraps in Washington Square or The Wings of the Dove or Mrs Dalloway,

three of the prestigious literary ad-aptations newly rolled off the as-Agnieszka Holland's version of Washington Somare makes a particular fetish of clothes and props. An army of set dressers fill the screen with man-

telpiece finery, car-

pets, handbags, gurgling fountains, carriages and prams. Jerzy Zielinski's sunny photography makes New York in the 1850s look like heaven on earth.

But where did all this leave Henry James? Suffocated. The script played its part: no matter how game Jennifer Jason Leigh, Albert Finney and Ben Chaplin were, Carol Doyle's adaptation kept choking the ironies in James's story of a plain young woman trapped between the conflicting demands of a domineering father and a seductive suitor. James's plot, however, is

still robust enough to collar most of our attention. This was not so in The Wings of the Dove, where the intricate material demanded a more peneless modernised treatment from Iain Softley, the director of Backbeat. Helena Bonham Carter stars as the aristocratic English heroine who needs to accommodate her love for an ordinary journalist (Linus Roache). She looks lovely, and so does Venice; but this is nothing

Mrs Dalloway, from Marleen Gorris, the Dutch director of Antonia's Line.



Vanessa Redgrave as Virginia Woolf's Mrs Dalloway, one of several adaptations of classic novels shown at Toronto

ing spectacle of a novel reshaped with inappropriate tools. How can images, shot and cut in traditional ways. begin to penetrate the inner thoughts of a Virginia Woolf heroine? Only good comes from Vanessa Redgrave play-

wife who muses on times past and missed opportunities; but we still stand outside the drama for a long time.

Films like these made Michael Haneke's The Castle, from Austria, all the more distinctive. The usual glue and

removed. Where Welles went work as castle surveyor, into baroque overdrive adapt-Haneke makes the absurdities ing Kafka in The Trial, seem extra chilling. Haneke goes for Brechtian distancing. The camera stays

Luckily, other film-makers stayed away from famous books and wrote original scripts; you would expect noth-John Sayles, Hartley's Henry

beyond sensible limits, although the director at least breaks ground by going all whimsical and reaching beyond his usual constituents. The title belongs to an egocentric ex-convict who shakes up life in a drab New Jersey suburb, and helps to turn a taciturn garbage man into a controversial poet. Carefully modulated performances. terse and crazy dialogue pro-vide pleasure and, if the film helps Hartley to break out of his enclosed world, maybe the dull spots are worth suffering.

Sayles's new film. Men With Guns, is typically adventurous: who else would ignore commercial dictates and take the time and patience to fashion a Spanish-language film probing the Latin American experience? Two American tourists flit through to mainly comic effect. But Sayles's focus stays tight on Federico Luppi's Fuentes, a doctor trying to trace his medical students in the remote jungles of an unspecified country where human rights are routinely violated. The film is brave and intelligent, although it remains the kind of film easier to admire than enjoy.

nd where was Canada itself in all this hoop-la? Winnipeg eccentric Maddin disappointed fans with The Twilight of the loc Nymphs, a less than hypnotic trip to his patented realm of mythic twaddle, with a cast including Shelley Duvall and numerous ostriches decorated with ribbons. Gary Burns, documentor of Canadian slackers, made a small impact with Kitchen Party.

But it was Fitzgerald's The Hanging Garden that buttonholed most observers; it won the Air Canada People's Choice Award, voted for by audiences. Fitzgerald's shooting manner is not the most elegant: he rams the camera too close to his actors and does not let images breathe. His material, though, is fresh and personal. Past and present. fact and fantasy, interweave.

An overweight teenager, oppressed at home, appears to hang himself, but returns for his sister's wedding as a slim, gay man of 25. Exuberantly styled, drenched with floral imagery and pounding music, this is the kind of film that renews one's faith not only in

#### NEW ON

THE ENGLISH PATIENT
Buena Vista. 15, 1996
WILL repeated home viewing
reveal extra subtleties to Airthony Minghella's Oscar-Janen adaptation of Michael Ondaatie's complex novel of love, loyalty and national identity among the shifting sands of the Second World War? I suspect not, Geoff Brown writes, but it will certainly cramp the epic land scapes of desert sculpted by sun and shadow. Ralph Figures is aloof as the "English" patient charred in the war, who earlier conceived a grand passion for Kristin Scott Thomas's reckless Scott aristocrat.

ANGEL OF VENGEANCE Warner, 18, 1981

THE second film of Abel Ferrara, bad boy of American cinema, follows the footstep of a mousy, dumb seamstra once she is mugged and raped Her next attacker is slain with an iron and chopped into pieces. She then uses his gue to take aim at any threatening: male. Ferrara's dark humour and sharp eye uplift an exploitation movie into something unsettling and stylish. Part of a new series called "Maverick" Directors", and a video

BLOOD AND WINE Fox Guild, 18, 1996 WINE merchant Jack Nicholson enlists Michael Caines wheezing safecracker to steal a client's necklace, Director Bob. Rafelson lavishes attention on the texture of scenes and the light they shine on tortured

relationships. Result a pot-

boiler with pretensions. Avail-

able to rent. MAMMA ROMA Connoisseur, 15, 1962

MAMMA mia, it's Anna Magnani, one of Italy's most overwhelming actresses, who almost sets fire to the screen as the prostitute who strives to: escape from her pimp. Pasolini's second film has rough edges and spoonfuls of melodrama, but the director's sensitivity to social texture and the splendours and miseries of ordinary life still make it a compelling experience.

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PORTRAIT OF A LADY PolyGram, 12, 1996 JANE CAMPION'S stylised adaptation of Henry James's novel, with Nicole Kidman. tightly controlled as the independent American sucked into a marriage in Europe with a dilettante artist (John Malkovich, all quirks fiving). The film seems frozen in form

level, the tone flat, the scenes

bluntly curtailed by black

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per cent of the FTSE 100 and 40 per cent of the FTSE 350.

Consideration needs to be

given to the public interest. The merger could lead to a drop in choice and to major

conflicts of interest, par-ticularly in corporate finance

and insolvency. Would another merger and further mar-

ket concentration be allowed?

Mergers have to be agreed

by the majority of partners

around the world. There are

great strengths in the partner-

ship structure which is pecu-

liarly suited to professional

service organisations such as

ours but, in major matters

such as mergers, the partners

as "working shareholders"

will have to be convinced that

is a good thing. And the position will be very different

in each country with inevitable

clashes, leading to one or more

national firms not joining the

international merger. No matter how good the fit

in respect of service capabili-

ties and geographical spread.

the greatest challenge is mak-

ing the cultures fit and blend

as quickly as possible. This is the most uncomfortable phase

# The search for critical mass

As Coopers and Price Waterhouse

prepare for merger, Nick Land

forecasts a period of uncertainty

A of the proposed Coopers & Lybrand-Price and the way in which repers & Lybrand-Price sources are deployed to get the Waterhouse merger one thing is certain and that is that the world's airlines will prosper as members of the international management groups of each of the Big Six travel around the world discussing the main questions: will this merger go through; will the partners or regulators seek to stop it; will other mergers be attempted; will the regulators allow them and what should be each firm's individual response?

There has been pressure on all of us to meet increasing demands from multinational clients, many of whom are managing their businesses on a more global basis and are thus looking to the Big Six for an increasingly global service. Against this background all of the Big Six have areas in the world or service or industry sectors where they would like to be stronger. The C&L/PW merger is being driven by a wish to strengthen their practices in areas where they believe they are relatively weak and to some extent to spread

the rising cost of investment. Of course, size isn't every-thing. The ability to provide an excellent and seamless service

fter the announcement has more to do with culture sources are deployed to get the best results for the client and a merger of two large organisations does not necessarily make that easier. But to service today's major multinational clients you do need critical mass and, if you lack it, one of the fastest ways of achieving this, although not necessarily the only or best way, is by merger.
There is inevitably much

talk of further mergers between the remaining firms that will be examining this option. But there are other options available and one shouldn't assume that mergers will automatically follow. For example, a firm that has achieved high organic growth could be confident in its ability to continue to prosper without taking any big steps, calculating that through a stable culture and a clear focus they will move ahead, perhaps aided by picking up some pieces from the inevitable fallout from the C&L-PW merger. There are also possibilities of alliances or mergers outside the Big Six with, for example, strategy houses, hardware supplies, software developers or investment banks, as a way of



Firms are changing to meet global demands, says Nick Land

developing service capability.
If not handled skilfully and with determination a merger can take up a lot of management time. It leads inevitably to a period of introspection that can result in the market moving on and competitors

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

overtaking. Then there are hurdles to clear. Will this mega-merger be allowed by the regulators, not only here but also in other places such as the US, the EU, Canada and Australia? In the UK the combined firm would audit around 50

and it can be hard to hang on to your star performers

through this period. The Big Six are going through a period of uncertainty during which the only thing we can be confident about is that the airlines will benefit.

Nick Land is senior partner at Ernst & Young.

stitute of Taxation has pulled off a masterstroke. One of the problems faced by taxpayers who have never employed a tax adviser is that there is no easy way of judging whether the adviser advertising in the local paper is likely to come up to scratch. But as of this week it becomes easier. The institute received its Royal Charter in 1994 and this week the Privy Council has allowed members to call themselves Chartered

ROBERT BRUCE

# Well partners, it's all up to you now

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DROP into any branch of Coopers & Lybrand and have a riffle through the brochures and environment. Shareholders are useful as an and have a rifile through the brochures and leaflets on display. After a while you will find the one which, since the news of the proposed merger with Price Waterhouse broke, is the key booklet. It is called Merger Integration -Delivering the Benefits. And presumably Coopers staff, who probably never give the brochures in reception a second glance, have been avidly reading it over the past week to

see what lies ahead. The first paragraph does not inspire confidence. "Mergers and acquisitions all too often fail to achieve business expectations," it says. "Research by Coopers & Lybrand suggests that as many as half of all such transactions are judged as failures by managers." Even if you discount the hype embedded in any document aimed at prospective clients, that does suggest that Coopers and Price Waterhouse have problems on their hands. The next section makes it worse, Under "management attitudes and culture"

they quote a manager from their research. "The manage-ment culture was totally dif-ferent," he said. "We take decisions quickly. They spend weeks in committees arguing over what should be done." That sounds very much like accountancy firms.

It is always surprising that mergers are most often suggested by those companies or firms that are the worst managed. The last two decades of accountancy mergers are littered with cases where two appallingly man-aged firms have decided that things could only get better if they combined their lack of expertise and hoped that something might change.

That is not quite so true of Coopers and Price Waterhouse but certainly the firms have developed an unfortunate reputation over the past lew years of being two of the most poorly managed out of the UK Big Six firms. It is not obvious how the coming months are going to bring forth a tightly focused and dynamic force. This is

complicated by the nature of partnerships. Take a look at the central part of the Coopers merger booklet. This is headed "Understanding the Real Value Drivers", "In the thrill of doing the deal," it says, "it is easy to lose sight of the primary goal — increasing shareholder value. If the merged business is to be more than the sum of its parts then the two organisations need to leverage each other's capabilities to create added value."

outside and motivating force with an easy. benchmark in the share price. In partnerships the managers are the shareholders.

So it is small wonder that many finance directors produced an initial kneeperk reaction to the merger proposal and argued that they would have less choice and the accountants were only doing it to protect their earnings. Well. of course, they want to protect their earnings. But they can only do that by offering greater efficiency and better service.

In theory what happens is that the megafirm produced by the merger could tackle the greatest and escalating cost facing any organisation in the professional services field. And that is information technology. There were hands thrown in the air that Price Waterhouse partners heard the news via their Lotus Notes system. The reason that the Coopers partners didn't suffer the same fate is that they are still struggling to create such a system. The costs

are phenomenal. But the savings and efficiencies are greater. The greatest final value to the merged firm would be that the ability of one firm of 8,500 partners to invest in such systems would be way beyond the two firms' current abilities.

This is also why the two firms are attempting to create a proper global structure and run the final firm that way. All the accounting firms have long argued in their client brochures that they are "truly global" and in the sense that they have offices in: Timbuktu as well as Tokyo they are. But they are not structures. For example, the original plans for Price Waterhouse in the UK to

build a truly effective European firm were scuppered some years ago when the US firm, in response to some slight or other, refused to subscribe the cash requested. By going for a proper global structure from day one the newfirm might avoid all the faults which are obvious in all the other of the Big Six firms

supposedly global capabilities. But in the end it is all about new services. Audit is a tiny part of the firm's business worldnow. Arguments about competition based on: audit reach are outdated. This proposed merger has two issues - the explosive growth of a huge range of professional services and whether, partners will vote it through. It is, as the Coopers brochure concludes, about "mobilising teams to deliver the benefits".

#### **Driving force** behind e-mails

ALL the hype being hurled around about the proposed merger between Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand stresses global communication. So spare a thought for the chairman and chief executive of Coopers in China. He is John Stuttard and is currently ensconced in a pink Rolls-Royce taking part in the Beijing to Paris Rally. The first he heard about the rattled through Tibet. This

week he has got as far as Kathmandu. He is not a man to keep his views to himself. Coopers head office in London is now receiving e-mails aplenty from the dashboard of their man, temporarily, in Afghanistan.

Source to tap

IF ACCOUNTING standardsetters round the world do get merger was over the fax as he together there will be great cultural differences to iron

out. Take openness, for exam-ple. Neither of the UK-based bodies, the International Accounting Standards Committee nor the Accounting Standards Board, throws its meetings open to the public. But all this may be about to change. The US body, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, operates in open session. And it also provides

phone links so that someone

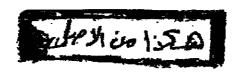
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be in Los Angeles that day can listen in to what is going on in Norwalk, Connecticut. It is the idea of phone links that interests the UK bodies. They have discovered that FASB charges premium rates. Suddenly they can see all their funding problems evaporating.

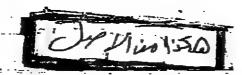
JUST as the chaos of self-assessment boils up to a rather

September the Chartered In-Tax Advisers. It will look very good on a brass plate.





"An intelligent epic





# Lady in the dark: Jodie Foster plunges into the unknown in Contact, Robert Zemeckis's journey through close encounters beyond the Milky Way Intelligent life in sci-fi?

NEW MOVIES: It's true, says Geoff Brown. Contact much science-ficoffers food for thought as well as intergalactic hokum

not more.

tion silliness up on the big screen that it comes as quite a shock to watch Contact. There she stands. Jodie Foster, trying to get funding to continue her surveillance of intelligent life in space. "The aloneness of humans," she says. "A profoundly impactful moment in the history of history." Big words, hig thoughts: Contact is full of them, rather than the rinky-dink dialogue of comic strips. Images, too, are equally grand. The opening minutes take us on a dizzying tour of the cosmos. Planets shoot past, awesomely beautiful, as a sound collage embraces the 20th-century American experience, from rock music to the

speeches of FDR. Directed by Robert Zemeckis from the novel by Carl Sagan, Contact also boasts strong characters. We begin with Foster as a child: a stargazing girl who loses her when she is nine and begins a quest to understand the universe's mysteries. As an

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with: impassioned, obstinate. self-possessed, ready to spend day upon day waiting for satellites to pick up messages from outer space. Finally one comes, from a distant star, Vega. Included in the transmission is a building

kit for an intergalactic travel machine, known as the Pod. Should Earth go ahead, and make contact? And who should be the one to journey into deep space to shake hands with the unknown? Jodie wants to go, of course, but Tom Skerrin, her former mentor, pushes his way forward. And how does America's military might react? James Woods is the National Security Advisor, and since the first image transmitted from Vega is of Hitler addressing the Berlin Olympics, he has good reason to be wary.

For over half the running time, Zemeckis explores all these questions with verve and adult she is a force to reckon wit, though there are warning

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signs of hiccups ahead. One is Matthew McConaughey's character who serves, clumsily, as New Age religious spokesman and vague male romantic interest. something which Jodie has no use for. Another is the residue from Forrest Gump, Zemeckis's last movie: little bits of manipulated news footage bringing President Clinton into play. These make the film less believable, By the end, Contact has developed schizophrenia, Part of the movie means to be

meaningful. Another part wants to play games and spin hokum, much of it linked to John Hurt's character, a baid eccentric billionaire. Yet even if silliness becomes factor after all, Contact is

never dull or shoddy. Jodie Foster is excellent, perfectly cast, and special effects are smoothly integrated: outer space has rarely looked so lovely and alluring.

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Hereafter, based on the novel by Russell Banks, is another new release to bring cheer, though its subject matter scarcely makes for a "feelgood" movie. We are dealing with grief and a shattered community in British Columbia which lost 14 children when the school bus plunged into a river. Into this tragic landscape comes a lawyer nursing his own demons. played by a tight-lipped lan Holm. He urges the townspecple to sue the school or the bus company. But will this make the hurt go away or bring any nearer the "sweet hereafter" of

The films of this Canadian maverick usually reveal a gifted director wrapped up to a claustrophobic degree in his cal invasion, the voyeuristic gaze, and the labyrinths of desire. But here the experience of adapting another's work appears to have liberated Egoyan. Though he pushes the narrative through some unnecessarily complex jumps in time — back to the tragedy, forward to Holm regaling a plane passenger with his sor-rows — the emotional pull remains overwhelming.

the Negro spiritual?

Wintry images and mournful music cement the elegiac tone. Cameraman Paul Sarossy ensures there is a brooding beauty even when Holm navigates a carwash; and the wide screen is perfect to catch characters locked in their separate spaces, or express the agony of the bus pitchforked into the river's white death.

If Egoyan's technique is simplified, the film's effect remains complex. No easy, sentimental answers are given to the messy business of grieving. Characters' behavour cannot be easily pigeonholed. Holm appears both insidious and sympathetic. Even incest is treated without moral judgment: in a change from the novel, the relationship between a surviving teenager (Sarah Polley) and her father is viewed as benign, not threatening. In its refusal to soothe troubled waters The Sweet Hereafter is an unsettling film, and it lingers in your heart and mind.

Lingering is not Antonia Bird's style. The director of Priest and Safe aims for

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Contact Warner West End, PG, 150 mins Sci-fi romp for the thinking audience The Sweet Hereafter Curzon Mayfair, 15, 110 mins Atom Egoyan learns how Empire, 18, 100 mins British thriller with more noise than substance The Leading Man Warner West End, 15, 96 mins Jon Bon Jovi fails to please

immediate impact. Look at Face, which marks her return to British material after the Hollywood folly of Mad Love. The presentation is rigorously stylised, with bleached flashbacks and forceful cutting. The soundtrack bombards vo The cast, too, does not stand on tiptoe, except perhaps for its most newsworthy name, Damon Albarn, Blur's lead singer, who appears briefly and harmlessly as a criminal gang's youngest recruit. The rest of the troupe are Robert Carlyle, Ray Winstone, Philip Davis and Steven Waddington; all good value.

Lack of energy, then, is not the problem. Lack of freshness is. Bird and her writer, Ronan Bennett, may try to make their film a report on the state of the nation: note Carlyle's activist background, the general elec-tion posters, and the script's ruminations on selfishness and greed. But this is mere fancy dressing, smeared over the usual business of thieves falling out, fighting over loot. Chunks, like the police station finale, are crisply exciting, but

the whole seems not quite worth the noise and bustle. Another pop luminary, Jon Bon Jovi, tries strutting his stuff in The Leading Man, made in England by the Australian John Duigan. Cultural conflicts are part of the theme. Bon Jovi's Hollywood star, acting in London, over-plays his hand when he helps the dramatist's love life by wooing his wife. This oldfashioned concection ambles along innocuously, but it wastes Duigan's Flirting star, Thandie Newton, and finds little useful employment for Bon Jovi's vacant good looks.

#### SNAP VERDICT

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EACE Leslie: Blur's Damon Albarn makes a competent acting debut in this violent thriller. Dominic This is a British version of Reservoir Dogs. Laura: I'm fed up with seeing such horrific violence on the big screen. Disturbing, Eleanor: Steven Waddington's understated perfor-

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MEM IN BLACK (PG) Hip

# Caryl Churchill's marvellously unpredictable pair of plays; plus well-crafted Shakespeare The mother of invention we is the series.

inventive, unpredictable British dramatist now at work? Anybody who has enjoyed the surreal dinner-party of Popes and explorers in Top Girls, or the wild genderbending of Cloud Nine, or the mix of ballet and drama in The Skriker and Hotel, will be hard put to nominate a better candidate than Caryl Churchill. And after seeing the two short plays Joint Stock is bringing to the Royal Court's West End home --- well, surely the position is hers.

Blue Kettle, the more serious of the two, strikes me as the lesser; but maybe that is because I don't fully understand it. Not that the central

Blue Heart Duke of Yorks

situation is unclear. Jason Watkins's fortyish Derek tracks down a series of ageing women and reveals himself as the son they gave away years ago for adoption. Is it an ugly con-trick or an expression of despair at his own sad, senile old mum? Probably both, but more the latter.

The problem is not this uncertainty but the addities of speech that seep into the dialogue and finally engulf it, until the two words "hiue" and "kettle" substitute indiscrimi nately for almost every noun and verb. I suspect Churchill wishes to dramatise English evasion, our national inability to say what we mean when emotional chasms yawn. But with such blatant verbal weirdness up front it is difficult for her to explore, or us to see, the convoluted anguish below. As a dramatic experiment it is admirable, but more distracting than revealing.

Not so with Heart's Desire. which is as hilariously imagiand re-repeated after veering off in odd, abortive directions: native a piece as Churchill has written. Only afterwards does one wholly twig that at base it tells a humdrum suburban story. Bernard Gallagher's infidelity. Moreover, the pro-

Dad, Valerie Lilley's Mum ceedings are variously interand Mary Macleod's dim Auntie Maisie are waiting for rupted by an SS man, three terrorists, a huge ostrich. the return of Susy, who has Susy's lesbian partner debeen in Australia for several manding house-room, hordes years. As they wait, there are of rampaging children, and the son of the house, waiting edgy, tetchy exchanges which suggest that the young woman accusations at his parents. has had an uneasy relation-

Could there be a funnier, more vivid evocation of the tensions and terrors, resentments and fantasies, beneath the family surface? No. not as Churchill writes the play and Max Stafford-Clark's cast deftly performs it. This is absurdism with attitude.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

# Devilry in detail

Tirst we hear distant firecrackers celebrating the end of fighting. But when the lights go up we are looking at a flight of steps in a Sicilian garden - it will later become a small piazza — on a sleepy afternoon. A guitar is lazily strummed. Women are dozing, or idly plucking dates off a stalk - picked from the tree Benedick will later climb to find a hiding place. This is a world of women waiting for something interesting to happen to them. In a word, men.

By a variety of means, Helena Kaut-Howson's production at the Royal Exchange creates a warm community, well used to the ways of its individuals, whose behaviour follows old patterns. Even the does do what is expected and howl when Benedick tries his voice at a song: The drama of the play develops when the familiar order is disturbed in two directions: for the good when Benedick and Beatrice are tricked into thoughts of love, and for the bad when Claudio is tricked into think-

ing Hero's love for him is false. First comedy and then poignant tragedy break the sweet steadiness of time's passage, but in and around these upsets the life of a little town goes on: processions wind between the arches and, unusually for Shakespeare, a representative of the Church of Rome helps solve the dilemma. Friar Francis is a role that generally leaves only a slight impact but it is here made briefly crucial by John Branwell.

Much Ado About Nothing Manchester

This theatre's round (in fact, seven-sided) stage is wonderfully suited to the comic trickery in the orchard. Benedick and Beatrice in turn burying themselves in the front row, as though the audience were pots of geraniums. In this scene Michael Mueller's face beams delight, and though it is some time vet before his voice calms down, he begins to lose the reliance on heat and loud sound that marred his earlier sparring. At the end of their first meeting Josie Lawrence allows herself an intriguing frown of irritation when he pulis away from the argument. We can see her needing to feel she does not need him. and her range of emotions is impressive, transfigured into happiness on finding love, choking with bitter laughter after Hero's collanse.

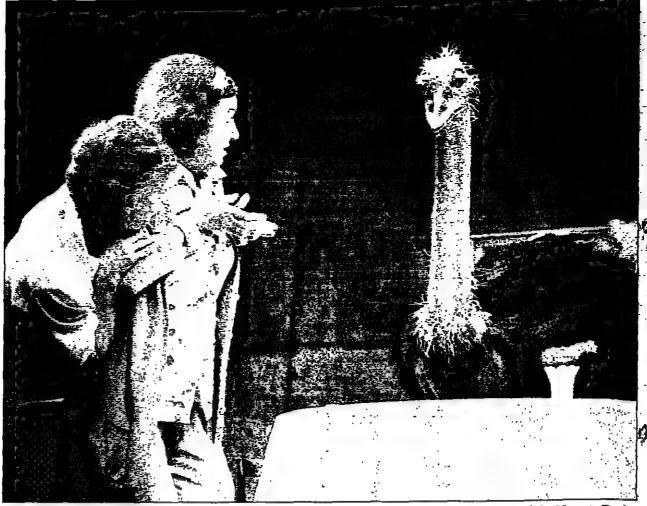
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The production's care for detail shows. John McAndrew's wicked Don John dabs cologne on his wrists, like Chekhov Solyony. He wears a green uniform too. Ewan Hooper's excellent Leonato is very funny when delivering his evidently hard-learnt speech about his niece's supposed love, arms stiff, head nodding, voice in recitation mode.



Valerie Lilley (Alice) and Mary Macleod (Maisie) are interrupted by Jason Watkins as the ostrich in Heart's Desire

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death, a vow by Mum to leave

Dad, a confession of marital

But the identical lines stop.

nervous reunion occurs.

FRESH from the Edinburgh Festival, the Royal Opera's new production of Platée arrives at the Barbican as part of what has become, with William Christie's visit and the Royal Opera's Giulio Cesare there, a festival of Baroque music the-Putting alongside Purcell and Handel sadly emphasises the undramatic, short-breathed invention of Rameau's music, but Nicholas Payne's courage in staging such a work, unsuited to Covent Garden, during the compa-

Even by the standards of comédie lyrique, Platée (1745) is one of the most inconsequential operas ever written, a piece of French

to be saluted.

ny's period of exile still needs

fluff in which Jupiter pretends to seduce the vain and ugly marsh nymph of the title in order to cure his wife's jealousy. How should nymph is sung by a tenor, the deluded creature. Some

it be staged today? Since the descent into camp would be all too easy, and Mark Morris's production succeeds above all because it engages our sympathy for of the dancing may look like Morris-on-autopilot, but there is real freshness in the way the witty Prologue is set in Bacchus's bar, c. 1920.

marsh teems with characters dressed in Isaac Mizrahi's riolous costumes. Everything about the show is as described a few weeks ago by Rodney Milnes

from Edinburgh, though here in the opening numbers ensemble between the pit and chorus was choppy. Nicholas McGegan keeps the music moving swiftly, if at times spikily. The singers François Le Roux, Nicole Tibbels, Mark Padmore, Diana Montague and Susan Gritton stand out in various parts, but the evening belongs to the flexible voice, expressive face and amphibian limbs of Jean-Paul Fouchécourt in the title role.

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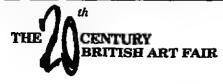
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# We'll rock till we roll over

he return of the Roll-ing Stones, with a new album and tour. is an event which prompts - in the words of one of their own songs — mixed emotions. Among many pun-dits and middle-aged folk who have all but forgotten that they once had an enthusiasm for rock music, there is a chorus of weary disbelief. Surely they cannot still be peddling that same old renegade image, still pretending they can compete with the new young bands of today. Who do they think they are kidding? But for the millions of people who still go out and buy their records and see their shows there is a feeling of immense warmth towards the Stones for their music, and admiration for their continuing vitality, in defiance of all rational expectations,

The latter mood was clearly prevalent on Tuesday among the 50,000-strong crowd which gathered in Soldier Field stadium in Chicago, on the opening night of the group's Bridges to Babylon tour, yet another gruelling innerary of huge venues already stretching into February 1998 and tentatively scheduled to reach Britain next summer. "Either we'll die in the attempt or it'll be fantastic." Keith Richards predicted earlier in the month.

In the event the first outing turned out to be a competent if not altogether inspired presentation which focused squarely on the group's astounding legacy of hits. "It would be foolish to start the tour by playing half a set of new songs" Mick Jagger said whenthey were preparing the show pointing out that it takes a loig time, particularly in Amelica, for new songs to becone familiar and also that the abum itself is not released untilnext Monday.

Ariving on a stage decorated with silver drapes, two 18footnigh gold figurines, a big circular video screen and golden ioneycombs of speakers, the and started with Satisfaction usually a number reseried for the encores, and followed on with a string of similarly ancient favourites including It's Only Rock'n' Rol, Bitch, Let's Spend the Night Together and the rarely played 19th Nervous Break-

David Sinclair sees the Rolling Stones launch

their new world tour in Chicago

down. The only new songs were a rather shaky version of their current single, Anybody Seen My Baby?, and a splen-didly dramatic Out Of Control during which Jagger twisted his extraordinarily skinny frame into a series of frantic contortions. Visitors to the Stones

website had earlier been invited to vote for one song to be included in the set and there was a huge cheer as Jagger accessed the site on the big screen to reveal the people's choice: Under My Thumb.
Adopting a trick used in the
past by U2, Bon Jovi and
AC/DC, the band decamped to a tiny stage in the middle of the crowd for a "back to the roots" sequence of Little Queenie, Let It Bleed and The Last Time. They returned to the main stage for another broadside of old hits including Start Me Up, Brown Sugar and the inevitable Jumping Jack Flash.

There were the usual fireworks, inflatables, smoke bombs and a massive shower of confetti that engulfed most of the stadium during You Can't Always Get What You Want. But some of the performances sounded a little rusty and after the unprecedented splendour of the 1994-95 Voodoo Lounge tour there was a slight but persistent sense of retrenchment in the stage design and lighting departments. Even so it was an entertainment which very few

groups, of any age, could rival.
Still the vexed question remains. Do the Stones have any contemporary relevance or are they an anachronistic burlesque? If their live show relied heavily on past glories, their album, Bridges to Babylon, is a tremendous collection of new songs, some of them on a par with the best in their back catalogue. The opening track, Flip the Switch, is an absolute

sung from the viewpoint of a convict on death row urging his jailer to go ahead and flip the switch: "I'm not going to burn in hell/I cased the joint and I know it well."

Low Down is an amazing riff somewhat in the Start Me Up vein that stretches out and then snaps into shape like a bow string being pulled and released. If Richards is on rare form then Jagger's voice is also as powerful as it has ever been, ranging from a delicate sob to a bullish roar on the eloquent rocker Saint of Me and the forlorn ballad Aiready Over Me. It is an album that gives the lie to the pernicious idea that the Stones' music must be out of date because they are no longer in the first flush of youth.

The secret of their success, and to some extent the key to the Stones' longevity, lies in the unique creative tension between Jagger and Richards. Mick is much more commercially minded than me. I'm sick to death of phoney sounds," Richards says, hinting at his reluctance to embrace the modern techniques employed on the album by guest producers Danny Saber and the Dust Brothers.

ut Jagger is equally reluctant to go on making records in the same way as the Stones always have done, insisting before recording began that: "We should think about the way the songs are written, the subject material, the noises, the grooves; anything to make sure it sounds a bit different from previous Stones albums." The result is a fine balance of mild innovation firmly rooted within a timeless rock'n'roll tradition.

Yes, the Stones have grown old. But although rich and successful beyond belief, there is still a calculated air of barbarism about them, and a delinquent energy which saves their music from turning into the drab middle-aged pop of contemporaries such as Rod Stewart and Paul McCartney. That they have failed to grow old "gracefully", let alone fade away quietly, may not fit in with certain preconceptions. But it is surely our great gain.



Mick Jagger sings to the Chicago crowd: "It was an entertainment which very few groups, of any age, could rival"

## Still top of the populists

THE Levellers are purveyors of doughty folk rock, bristling with political anger and bolstered by choruses of heroic defiance. It is a formula that has earned them little critical

acclaim, but an army of fans. The Levellers are though, not just a band: they are an enterprise. They have invested their wealth in a community centre and studio in their home town of Brighton. This venture, like the Levellers' success generally, has rested on an astute mixture of political principle and populism.

This astuteness is also evident in the music. With Mouth to Mouth, their fifth and latest album, there are signs of a change of policy. The traditional sounds of the previous order are giving way to sampling, strings and pedal

> The Levellers **UEA.** Norwich

steel. Like the Labour Party, Old Leveller is being ousted by New Leveller

But while these competing pulls are very evident on record, their stage show remains largely unaffected. The Levellers continue to rely on the familiar line-up of guitars, bass, drums and violin, so that their dabbling with dance culture blends easily with their fiddle-led hoe-downs. Too Real may begin with rumbling bass and paranoid squawks, but it is not long before a chirpy chorus is infiltrated into the mix. And it is those choruses that drive the show, especially on 15 Years, What a Beautiful Day and Celebrate, their new single.

Nor are there any signs of the change of image. Lead singer Mark Chadwick still resembles Martin Shaw in The Professionals, bass player Jeremy Cunningham bounces and twists, his dreadlocks flailing wildly. The rest of the band — Jon Sevink on violin, Charlie Heather on drums and Simon Friend on guitar seem equally averse to the temptation of designer labels.

The Levellers may not write classic tunes, or in Chadwick have the most powerful of singers, but they have the knack of selling a song and working a crowd in the old

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many of the top honours. Felicity Lott and Natalie Dessay show a nice sense of

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sauciness. Lott goes for a man-mocking song from Messager's l'Amour masque and Dessay for the equally wry Glitter and be gay from Candide. Alison Hagley is delicious as Nannetta from Falstaff, and Amanda Roocroft right back on form admiring the moon in Dvotak's Rusalka.

by Thomas Hampson thundering with furious jealousy as Verdi's Ford, and Nicolai Gedda taking Danilo off to Maxim's in The Merry Widow. A top contribution, too, from the LPO and its two conductors, Andrew Davis and Franz Welser-Möst.

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## Begun in style

THE London Symphony Or-chestra and Sir Colin Davis began the season on excellent LSO/Davis form with a glance back to one of the works they have played most frequently of late and a look towards future repertory. mance: the central episode of the finale had wonderful rhap-Beethoven's Violin Concerto.

which has showcased several soloists recently, brought Midori and the LSO together here, and Walton's First Symphony whetted the appetite for the excursions into English music that Davis is promising, while also setting a standard for Walton and Vaughan Williams concerts this

In the Beethoven bold playing from every department of the orchestra, supported sonorously by no fewer than ten cellos and ten basses, was matched by the soloist, Midori. Her tone is bright and silvery at the top, metallic lower down, and very distinctive because of her fearless attack; perhaps it was even too hard at times in the slow movement. She is a highly expressive musician who pays meticulous attention to dynamics, but there was nothing calculating about this perfor-

THERE are several good reasons for introducing Duke Bluebeard's Castle with a popular tone poem by Richard Strauss -- not the least of them being that a concert performance of a one-act opera is scarcely likely to attract a full house to the new season in Symphony Hall. Another, even better reason is that without Strauss's example Bartok's score could not have achieved the pictorial brilliance which so aptly and so crucially illuminates the emotional gloom.

But with Strauss's Don Juan readily available as a not entirely jocular examination of a related theme, Till Eulenspiegel seemed an oddinsensitive choice: an irresistible invitation not to take things seriously. To pre-cede that with Mozart's Prague Symphony, however beautifully played, was overloading the programme and adding to the incongruity.

Not that Sir Simon Rattle and his colleagues approached Bluebeard with anything less than seriousness. Indeed, they were serious enough to include the spoken prologue which

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sodic freedom, and she romped through the cadenzas

with spontaneity. Any worries that Davis, 70 today, is getting more stately in his conducting might have been confirmed by the excessively broad tempo he set at the opening, but they were swept aside by his surging account of the Walton. The pulsating rhythms of the first movement were quick to erunt at the brassy climaxes, and even in the busiest moments

Davis kept the playing taut. The incisive brass section excelled itself here, and again in the mocking accents of the Scherzo. With its desolate Andante and nervy fanfares, Walton's masterpiece can be quite unsettling, but per-formed like this it made a reassuring start to the season.

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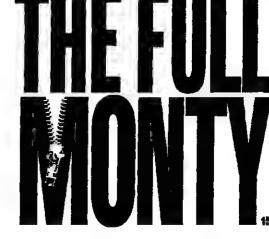
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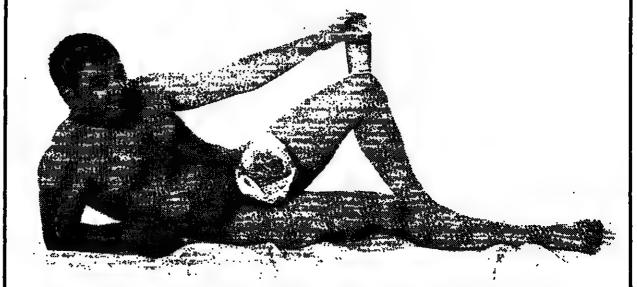
Kristine Ciesinski's Judith was not so much serious as severe. There must be love as well as determination in her efforts to let the light in on her husband's dark secrets. Both she and John Tomlinson as an impressively solid and apparently immovable Bluebeard coped well with the Hungarian but, in spite of their protestations to the contrary, there was no relationship between them.

The most valuable aspect of the performance (which is to repeated in Symphony Hall tonight) was Simon Rattle's compulsion to have his orchestra distinguish minutely and uncompromisingly between the shades of darkness in the Bluebeard psyche. They were not in the least grudging in their celebration of the virility which is discovered there, but this was an interpretation without illusions and with no consolations.

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# Right foot forward, march

**Michael Portillo** 

on overcoming division and doubt: the

challenges that face the Tory party in the 21st century

ith the Tory party reduced to 165 seats in Parliament, we must expect books with titles like Whatever Happened to the Conservatives? and Is Conservatism Dead? Those questions merit serious debate, but at this short distance from the election the first offerings at our bookstalls are not principally concerned with objective analysis. There are scapegoats to be reared, scores to be settled and spins to

Embittered politicians - even highly intelligent ones - write poor history. They tumble into propaganda. The book by Ian Gilmour and Mark Garnett traces the history of the Conservative Party since the war. In the preface the authors make their intention clear: to show how the Tories prospered as long as, the party pursued "One Nation" policies. When under Margaret Thatcher it ceased to do so, say the authors, Britain was divided and impoverished and the Conservatives

This produces a 1066 And All That version of Tory history. There are "right" things that people did and "wrong" things. There was a "best Prime Minister" and a second best, and of course by implication a worst one. As in westerns, Conservatives appear in white hats (Churchill, Macmillan, Macleod, Gilmour and Clarke) and black hats (Thatcher, Howard, Lamont, Portillo, and, surprisingly, Major). Sir Edward Heath's hat is grey. There are "extremists", the "hard Right" and "Europhobes" (that is those who do not believe in a federal Europe) who battle with "moderates" and people of "common sense" (that is, those who do).

The main thesis, that Thatcher was an unbending ideologue who rejoiced in creating two nations, is echoed by John Gray, one of the two

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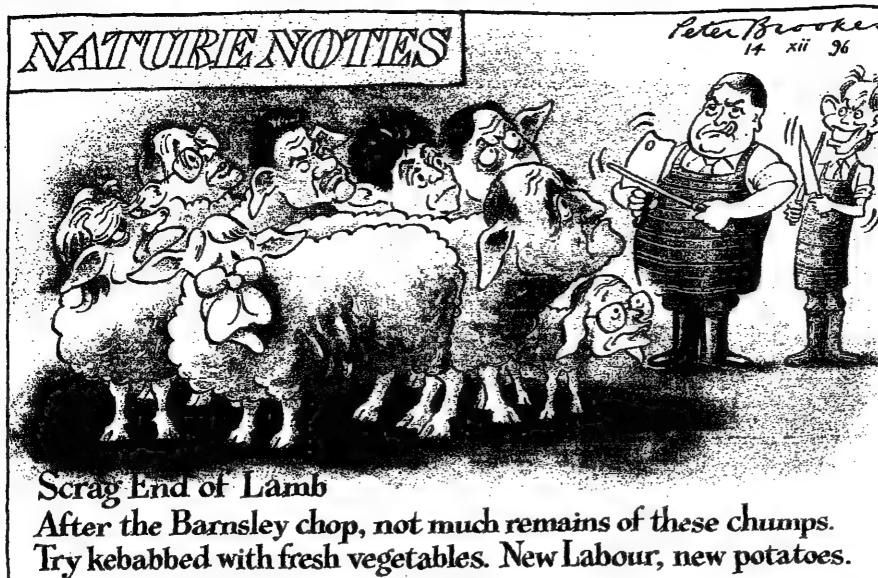
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tism Dead? In particular, he points the finger at her Government's pursuit of "the mirage of the wholly free market".

There are problems with this thesis. First. Mrs Thatcher's Government may sometimes have talked unbridled free market, but it certainly didn't act it. Under Mrs T, ministers constantly vied to increase their budgets, especially in health, social security and education: We maintained regional grants, and fought fiercely to onde unward investors into picking Britain. We created urban development corporations' and training programmes. We strained to help British companies to win government orders at home and

contracts overseas. Secondly, if this was such a terrible period for the Tories and the country, how was it we kept winning elections? Special circumstances of the time, says Gilmour, unconvincingly. Thirdly, if our policies were "two nation", why did we triple the number of people in higher education and end up with a higher proportion of our people in work than other European countries? And fourthly, if our policies were such terrible election losers, why did the shrewd Tony Blair adopt low taxes. tight money, tight spending, privatisation and union reforms?

John Gray concedes that point but says that with Labour now immovably posi-



The beginning of the end: Times cartoonist Peter Brookes marks the Conservative loss of the Barnsley East by-election in Nature Notes (Little, Brown, £10)

had always thought of Phillip Knightley as the quiet professional, meticu-

lous, thorough, a serious in-

vestigator. I remember him as

an anchorman among the pyrotechnic geniuses at the old

Sunday Times. Not at all, he tells us. He's

been up to some of the worst

tricks of the trade - invented

stories, suppressed the truth. missed exclusives, been used

by intelligence agencies. Much of journalism, he tells us, is a confidence trick played on an unsuspecting public. Report-ers are at their worst when

they operate in packs (a pre-scient point in view of the

Diana tragedy), and news desks are more interested in

having their; own theories confirmed than in being told

All this makes for some

good yarns as Knightley re-

what actually happened.

calls his early days in

tioned in the middle ground the Tories will soon become extinct. Time will tell, of course, but historically it is usual for the two main parties to contest the middle ground without either joining the dinosaurs in their fate. The wheel of political fortune normally provides each party at intervals with a turn in government. That may well be the pattern for the years ahead. But in the Eighties the parties moved apart and the Conservative Party

vas astute to express itself in ideological terms, and not only won elections but convinced many governments abroad to adopt similar

It paid a price for its rhetoric, eventually. As David Willetts records in his part of Is Conservatism Dead?, the Conservatives came to be seen as vandals destroying the institutions of the' country. There were genuine problems in striking the right balance modernising Britain and maintaining the institutions that Conservatives were meant to defend. At times, the choices made offended traditional feelings (eg. those concerning Bart's Hospital) and at other times, it was modernists who were outraged (eg.

the Royal Yacht Britannia). But such choices fall to be made by all modernising governments, and Mr

Blair will face them too. Sir Julian Critchley (co-author with Morrison Halcrow of Collapse of Stout Party) is absolved of the charge of being modern. He traces his enthusiasm for a federal Europe back to the effects of postwar visits to Strasbourg with its black and white heart" and "single spired cathedral". "unbelievably good food" and "ubiquitous Gewurztraminer". "It is not I who have changed," he says, "but my party," adding that after spend-ing 27 years as MP for Aldershot, "now I

am back in the real world and I do not

reject it. In ordinary speech we

aim at truth, and it is only on

the assumption of this aim

that people make sense. But

like all concepts on which

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to assume what you have to

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now issue from the mouths of

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proofs of the opposite. A

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In politics what he "enjoyed most was the gossip ... witty and unbelievably malicious". But the real world has spoilt Critchley's sense of humour. The book has only one good joke. On the day of the ERM debacle, John Patten made a speech in Critchley's constituency and annoyed him by arriving late and failing to mention the crisis. Critchley took his revenge in his vote of thanks by pretending John was Chris Patten, explaining "just how difficult it was to travel the 120,000 miles from Hong Kong and arrive on time in deepest Hampshire". Only David Willetts, out of these six

authors, sees or considers a future for the Tories. He lifts the banner of "civic Conservatism" and points to a Britain based on "little platoons", such as autonomous local state schools. His ideal Conservatism picks up again the themes of community and partnership, of duty, obligation and social interdependence about which Mrs Thatcher spoke with passion, years before Mr Blair had his first encounter with a focus group. But, says Willetts, where Mr Blair offers soft soap about "values", Conservatives have "principles", and where Mr Blair would centralise policy making, the backbone in the Tory model of a community is selfgoverning institutions.

uch subtleties matter, but may not be the stuff to guarantee election victories. The challenge for William Hague is to reassociate the Tory party with compassion and magnanimity, while emphasising important Conservative principles: to keep the State in check and encourage personal

His task is even bigger than it seems. For what Gilmour and Critchley reveal with their pejorative descriptions of Tory opponents is the real cause of our present discontents: the complete failure between Conservaties to understand one another. It will require some months yet, perhaps years, before the history can be written with a view to promoting reconciliation, rather than entrenching division.

Michael Portillo was Secretary of State for Defence 1995-97.

## **Tricks** of the trade

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A HACK'S **PROGRESS** By Phillip Knightley Cape. £17.99 ISBN 0 224 04399 4

warnings that they were almost certainly a houx. The clear implication is that the great tradition of investiga-tive journalism for which The Sunday Times once stood is a

Australia and Fleet Street, Later on, however, the charges be come graver. Looking back at some of the great Sunday Times investigations of the Sixties and Seventies, he finds serious fault with many of them. He tells how the early revelations about Kim Philby, the third man in the Burgess-Maclean spy scandal and one of Insight's early scoops, were shown to SIS in advance, and were therefore, presumably, cleared by them. The thalidomide inquiry, he claims. failed the very victims it was meant to champion. And the Hitler Diaries were pub-

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one. But even Knightley's own evidence suggests the opposite. The detail uncovered by Insight about British and United States in-telligence in the Fifties broke new ground, not just in the light it shed on hitherto forbidlight it shed on hitherto forbid-den territory, but in demon-strating how serious newspap-er investigations could be conducted. Nothing on that level is being done in British journalism today. The detec-tive work carried out by The Sunday Times on thatidomide was formidable. The team that stuck with it for a decade produced more scientific evidence than Distillers, who manufactured it, had ever collected themselves. Without

that, the parents and children would never have won the compensation they finally achieved. As to the Hitler Diaries affair, the story would not have run if The Sunday Times had been allowed to inves-

> igale ii broderiv rain er than having to take it on, sight unseen. The trouble with Knightley's conclusions is that they will be pounced on by costconscious managements and used as further justification for abandoning the dying art of investigative reporting. Insight at its best was a highly effective operation which cost a great deal less than today's tabloids spend on buying up royal exclusives. (1 would be a pity if Knightley's cautionary tales were used to undermine what is ulti-

mately the most worthwhile form of

journalism.

liam Burroughs, Georges Bataille, Alexander Trocchi, for example. Kathy Acker is a member of that group. It is a clever position to be in. To criticise these weights criticise these writers is to be reactionary, an upholder of bourgeois morality. I find this attitude as cabbalistic as that of the mainstream Establishment, but it is seductive.: And Kathy Acker is seductive. I admit that, for me, she is a kind of icon, as much as I believe in icons. The way she writes forces an identification with her. One momen! you think 'Yeah, just what I've



Acker: seductive icon

always thought - to hell with all of them?" The next it's "All right all right get on with to. This collection of cultural citicism is variable and full of powerful : contradictiors. Acker quotes de Sade, wao says that a woman must re hypocritical and deceitful to survive in a man's world. Then she writes with rag about women's role in society. and yet at the same time fanatically quotes William Burroughs, her mentor, as if being fed ideas from a tube. Maybe the paradox is exciting, "unbourgeois".

The pieces on Peter Greenaway, Boxcar Bertha and copyright in the Net age are some examples of clear informative thought. The Meaning of the Eighties is also good but there is, for me, too much stuff here that dates from 1990 or before. So much has happened in art and culture since then it seems redundant to compile so much commentary that precedes it.

In the preface she says: "I'm not sure I like my essays." Well, it doesn't matter. Kathy Acker is one of those writers whose next work is always eagerly awaited.

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# Ask the question, know the answer

ll dialogue depends A conceptual history finds Roger Scruton venturing into the A upon the concept of truth. To agree with dangerous ground between the absolute and the relative another is to accept the truth of what he says: to disagree is to

> A History By Felipe Fernández-Armetri Bantam, E12.99 ISBN 0-59304-140-2

which is not relative at all, but absolute.

Nowhere has the amateurish play with the concepts of truth and rationality done more damage than in the study of history, and Felipe Fernández-Armesto's history of "truth" is an historian's response to the problem. I place "truth" in inverted commas, since I do not believe that truth has a history, any more than if has a history, or when, or not or all - or any other concept without which nothing could be said. What Fernández-Armesto has in fact written is an agreeable romp through time and space, in search of the weird and not so weirdthings that people have thought about truth, and their constant attempts to avoid it. The most interesting pages in this work are those inspired by Malinowski, Lévi-Strauss and

their fellow anthropologists, in which the author muses over the world.

Less interesting, perhaps, are the ventures into the history of philosophy, in which Fernández-Armesto gives an anecdotal, and not always accurate, account of the rise of modern logic, and the peculiar arguments that have been used to persuade the gullible that there is no such thing as objective truth, that all opinions are relative, that rationality is merely our rationality, and in short that

anything goes. This "trashing of truth", as Fernandez-Armesto describes it, has had more effect on his own discipline than on science or philosophy, and this for a very good reason. As a leading disciple of Braudel and the Annales school of history, our author is well aware that history remains always to be newritten, that dates and battles and kings are the flotsam on the deeper currents, and that the story will change with the point of view of the observer. So there may be some truth in relativism after all, since the God's-eye view of

the past is unobtainable.

Of course, this does not license the irresponsible sub-jectivism of the Post-Modernists. It is still objectively true that war broke out in Europe in 1914, it is objectively true that millions of Jews were murdered in the Holocaust

But these facts can be understood only from a perspective that is necessarily selective. and one which forms patterns and pictures by filtering out information. Hence, historical study cannot have the character of a natural science: history is a work of interpretation, which will always fall short of giving the ultimate causes of

hat is all that the "relativity" of historical analysis amounts to. But it is not all that it is taken to be by the Post-Modernists on the disciples of Foucault. For Foucault, the truth of a thought is conferred by the system of ruling ideas. The concepts, theories and rationality of an epoch are dictated by "power": there is no criterion against which to assess them, save that provided by some rival power which challenges their

ascendancy. History is therefore always rewritten in the interests of power, and your choice of historical theory is simply a political choice, motivated by your allegiance to the powers that contend for domination. That is the kind of damaging myth that Fernandez-Armesto ought to be attacking. But he is respectful towards Foucault and his kind, and refrains from engaging with this new kind of

Indeed, he is prepared to tolerate a measure of relativism in all human thinking. and believes - on what seem to me to be quite erroneous grounds - that Heisenberg, Godel and Einstein have, between them, undermined the absolutism of mathematics and science. On the contrary, it seems to me. Such thinkers have merely reached bedrock and what they say is not relative to their own conceptions, but if true, then true absolutely. Even the theory of relativity is, if true, true

absolutely. Although Fernández-Armesto is right to worry about the trashing of truth. and about "the breakdown of

confidence in the power of language to express it", it could also be that there is less in the arguments of the iconoclasts than meets his eye. It is worth pointing out, as he does not, that Plato decisively refuted Protagoras's relativism in the dialogue that bears that sophist's name, and that the arguments of Derrida, Rorty, and the rest are no better and for the most part far worse. than those of Protagoras. Indeed, in the case of Derrida, they are not arguments at all. but fits of quasi-psychotic wordplay which prove not that there is no objective reality. but only that Derrida does not

Truth: a History is, meanwhile, a high-spirited vacation in a realm of dangerous ideas; the author's cultivated mind and inexhaustible appetite for curious facts make the journey agreeable and instructive. But it would be wise to go through a course of inoculations first.

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Malcolm Bradbury welcomes — with sorrow — the elegiac work that Kurt Vonnegut claims will be his last

# Why he writes so good

urt Vonnegut is unmistakably a Hoosier. A Hoosier is a person from the Midwestern state of Indiana, a region of hog-farms, old industrial cities, small towns with architect-protected courthouse squares. It's the state of Hoagy Carmichael and Cole Porter, the shot-down gangster John Dillinger, the socialist Eugene V. Debs, and the homegrown people's poet James Whitcomb Riley, whose most farn-ous lines recorded that "it takes a heap o' livin'/ To make a house a

Indiana, like the Midwest in general, has always produced its homegrown sages; and Vonnegut is one. He may, in the great diaspora, have become, after due pains and difficulties (journalism, advertising, car sales), one of America's bestknown and most bittersweet writers. He may have been hailed, in the Fifties, as among the most inventive and original writers of modern science fiction (Player Piano, Cat's Cradle), and in the Sixties as one of the most experimental of Post-Modernists - above all for his remarkable and classic novel Slaughterhouse-Five, a realistic fantasy that traffics between the firebombing of Dresden and the imaginary planet Tralfamadore.

Yet, unlike the more streetwise or more explicitly literary of his contemporaries, at no point did he ever lose his folksy, regional, Midwestern voice, nor what went with it: a taste for moral aphorism, the instincts of a preacher and a guru. His stories looked forward and galactically outward, but they also looked back; to the indianapolis of childhood, to the great stock of German-American relatives that shapes his life (Timequake is a paean to the extended family), to the Mid-American simplicities that lay, once upon a time, behind American scientific progress and the urban experience. Vonnegut has throughout been both a complex and an intensely simple, perhaps even a naive, writer; an explorer of grim futures whose voice was haunted by

Two years ago I asked a group

of first year undergraduates:

memory.
So, in his later years, Vonnegui has become a kind of Hoosier Mark Twain. Twain's late life depression was legendary, though, of course, there were always those saltings of humour, those flashes of hope. A deterministic fatalism threatened everything, free will was gone, and the innocence of childhood choice and hope. The pure American and very democratic and demotic imagination reflected on misfortune, mortality, the waning of promise; the famous public writer reached out beyond the comic imagination to say life was a sick joke.

These too are Vonnegut's later

TIMEQUAKE By Kurt Vonnegut Cape, E15.99 ISBN 0 224 03640 8

years. He introduces Timequake by explaining he writes it at the age of 73, and that it's born out of a failed novel, worked on over the past ten years, and called Timequake One. He's discarded it in disappointment: this is the filleted fish. He also announces it as the last book he will ever write. He confesses to its, his, dismay and depression: "I'm a monopolar depressive descended from monopolar depressives," he announces, "That's how come i write so good."

Everywhere there is the flavour of elegiac finale. The core tale is a conceit about a "timequake", a stalling of the progressive impetus of the Universe, which occurs in February 2001. Everyone is returned backwards one decade, to the year 1991, and then forced to repeat and relive every detail of their lives (or deaths) — until, in a repeated 2001, the world picks up where it left off, free will "kicks in again", and the present laws of human choice are restored. The conceit is lively enough, though it's more the flavour of a story than a

story, for Timequake is not a novel: it's a social and personal elegy, a work of nostalgia, a set of essay-like discourses, anecdotes, political odservations, hung round the thread of this very filleted plot.

Kilgore Trout, Vonnegut's old alter ego, is here, as usual standing both outside and inside the story. As a wisdom-spouting old male bag-lady who deposits his unfinished or unpublished stories in a trash-can outside the now near useless Academy of Arts and Letters, he's present to observe the new crisis of humanity — free will, of sorts, restored after a decade of atism. He's also there to give his reflections on it at the final clambake, with Vonnegut, his other half, the successful author and dispenser of advice, at his right hand, and with death near at hand,

The notes of elegy sound everywhere; over the dying of books, the losing of the sense of history, the fading of socialism and good democracy, over the deaths of so many (real) relatives, friends, for mer lovers, over the world as cursed murderous madhouse, over life as, in Trout's key phrase, "a crock of shit". Perhaps those who have departed are the better served. Perhaps those who turn to religion for consolation are wiser than darkened humanists like Vonnegut, exposed to the world as it is.

In the new Bellow, in the new Mailer, we have found ourselves suddenly exposed to the self-consciously late voice of some of our most important American writers. Vonnegut's is bittersweet wisdom turned very near to idiosyncracy. There's an urgency of retelling, a way, now, of using the intersection of fact and fiction not to show the great playgrounds of fiction, but to say what is left. Vonnegut has said a good deal of it before, and, in literary terms, often better. Timequake is random, and often far too anecdotal for its own good. But if it is a farewell, it's a moving one, not least because it rescues a ceremonial, perhaps even a reli-gious, thrill of hope at the end.



# Remember the forgotten man

"Who was PM before Mrs Thatcher?" Silence. Some faces showed incomprehension: a PM before Margaret Thatcher? Finally one of them muttered under his breath: Harold Wilson. I then asked them what the Winter of Discontent had been about. One of the youngest-looking said: "Unions wanting too much." Such is James Callaghan's obscurity and such remains the power of the Thatcherite history machine. Condemned by his own left wing as the classic machine politician, Callaghan's politics have been blamed by the Right for the decline of Britain. The challenge facing his official biographer is

in 800 elegantly written pages Morgan meets this challenge and

therefore substantial.

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the literature on contemporary Britain. In the process Callaghan's flaws are revisited even as his virtues are

Morgan portrays Callaghan as a moderniser constrained by his party. But there was a rigidity to his approach to politics that was founded not so much on a belief in a particular balance between the State and organised labour as on a faith in a mythologised sense of the moderation and fairness of the British. He found it difficult to cope with an age in which society changed and politics polarised. As

on hanging, prison reform and child ren - indeed, Mor-

consistent idealism

in his view of children right through to his launch of the great education debate. But his response to the permissive society was to give warning that Roy Jenkins was being

'too nice to those buggers". The crunch in the conflict between his personal liberalism and his sense of the Labour movement's

Brian Brivati CALLAGHAN

By Kenneth O. Morgan

vote, he delivered the desired restrictions. Morgan criticises and tries to understand: "Callaghan . . . felt that immigration was an issue to be handled in a way atturned to public opinion, rather than on the basis of abstract liberal theory." This is all well and good, but on hanging he was happy to follow the liberal

the core Labour

theory against public opinion. Morwas immigration. gan does not explain what was different about race. Perhaps there Personally commitwere more votes in immigration control than in hanging people? clashed with his Aside from the murkier corners of his career, Morgan convincingly view of the needs of

shows Callaghan as a substantial and interesting political figure. He was at his best as PM, better at making executive decisions than at political intrigue — the best example of his management of Cabinet, indeed, a textbook case of how to get difficult policies through a hopelessly divided Cabinet, being his conduct of the 1976 IMF crisis. His executive ability made him a global

ing and the key to his stature was, in Crossman's phrase, that he was rarely rattled. Until that is, the very end. His political skills deserted him when he made the decision, against

life, critical, well-balanced, compellingly written; a traditional life and times treatment of a central figure of the age. No future group of undergraduates, or indeed, anyone interested in British politics since the war, will have any excuse for not knowing the name of old Labour's last Prime Minister.

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## statesman of extraordinary stand-

much advice, to delay an election until after the winter of 1978-79. Overall, this is a classic political

Brian Brivati's life of Hugh Gaitskell will be published next

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## Caught between error and terror

MY FIRST reaction on hearing about Provos was: "Oh, Not another book about the whole sordid business, but I was won over by Peter Taylor's diligent research, sceptical eye and fine reporting. Quite simply. Taylor is no fool, takes nothing he is told for granted and does not fall into the trap of glamorising terror, even inadvertently, as so many others do.

After dealing briefly with the events which led to the partition of Ireland, 'Taylor moves quickly to the substance of the book - a history of the Provisional republican movement, which describes how a terrorist movement, virtually non-existent in 1969. was regenerated by the civil rights campaign of the late Sixties and the violent Unionist reaction to it and how it grew to command both support and ambivalence across a wide section of nationalist treland.

Taylor places much of the blame for the rise of the "Provos" on the stupidity of successive Stormont and British governments, but he understands that it was cock-un rather than conspiracy that dictated many of the errors of judgment made by British governments.

Thus, dealing with \*Bloody Sunday" in Londonderry in January 1972, when 13 civil



Death by misunderstanding? Bobby Sands's funeral, 1981

dead by British paratroopers, Taylor extensively researches and interviews participants from both sides and then says: What happened on Bloody Sunday was not . . . a conspiracy but an operation that went terribly and fatally wrong. Basically the officers, ser-

Sean O'Callaghan

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ants and corporals of One Para lost control of their men. Anyone who has tried to look with an open mind at the background to, and the events of, that day would find it difficult to come to any other conclusion. Taylor sustains that level of objectivity throughout the book.

I can also, in many cases confirm the accuracy of Taylor's research. Throughout Provos, he refers to a longterm intermediary between the "Provos" and the British Government, whom he describes as the "Contact". When dealing with the IRA ceasefire of 1974-76, which led eventually to the demise of the then leadership, Taylor describes

how the Contact - worried by what he felt was British bad faith - had a meeting with Dave O'Connell, then the leading "Provos" political strategist, who was in Tyrone to speak at an Easter Sunday commemoration. I, then an IRA volunteer and commander of the local area, was also in Tyrone that weekend. I never once left O'Connell's side except to set up a meeting with the person whom I have long suspected played the role Tay-

lor ascribes to the Contact. That piece of research alone is an example of his brilliant investigative journalism.' As he details the twists and turns rithin the incestuous and labyrinthine world of militant republicanism, Taylor never loses the plot. There are, of course, weak

nesses in this book. The present IRA chief of staff and his predecessor - who held the job for 13 years — are never even mentioned; and it is wrong to say that Gerry Adams ever had that position. But these are minor quibbles. Taylor's finishing lines are the most jaundiced of all. "At the conclusion of all my many detailed interviews with the 'Provos', I asked one final question: 'is the "war" over?" Very few of them said it was." The words of the "Provos" should be well-heeded by the legions of wishful thinkers.

## The stories of his life

rather manhood, is one that seems to be preoccupying Canadian writers no end this year. Robertson Davies set the scene before his death with his splendid Cornish Trilogy, but recently Car-ol Shields and Mordecai Richler have entered the fray. We all know that after a few millennia of living high on the hog the male sex is going wobbly, but here the voice

The condition of man, or

it) is taking on an especially glum autumnal note. Barney Panofsky is bent on writing an apologia pro vita sua. By his own admission a sadist, coward, thief and monster, the question is whether he is also the murderer of his best friend Boogie.

from the attic (as Davies called

When the novel opens, he is considering suing a novelist and former acquaintance, Terry McIver, for libel. This sets our narrator up as a fine comic character, for, by his own account, Barney is both better and worse than McIver's laundiced description — though in this case, the novelist comes off as worse than his victim.

Like its narrator, Barney's Version is more complex and intelligent than at first appears, if still a watered-down version of Roth and Bellow. Abandoned by his last great love. Miriam, Barney structures his story by reminiscing about each of his three wives. First comes Clara, the mad and posthumously famous poetess he meets in Paris in the 1950s. The Paris chapters are the least convincing, being mired not so much in nostal-

gia as self-consciousness. Like

too many other male writers,

from Wilde to Martin Amis,

**Amanda Craig** 

BARNEY'S VERSION By Mordecai Richler Chatto & Windus, E16.99 ISBN 0701162724

Richler is a comic writer who sprays his personality on his fiction like a tomcat. The result is that either the characters all sound the same, or they fail to come alive. Hilarity strikes with the

second Mirs Panoisky ("life for her was an exam to be passed"), a Jewish princess of monstrous materialism and self-pity whom Barney marries in the attempt to conform to type. Her monologues, alongside Barney's spoof letters to Miriam's current lover, save the novel from bathos. He sees Miriam at his wedding, falls instantly in love, and receives the first of many rebuffs. Eventually they marry and have three children, but not until Barney has stood trial for shooting Boogie after finding him in bed with the ghastly Mrs Panofsky.

This is not, however, a plotdriven novel, but one which has aspirations to the trickier. post-Nabokovian kind. As in Richler's Booker-shortlisted Solomon Gursky Was Here, the aim is to portray a man's life. It fails largely because of the unevenness of tone a sliding into slapstick which is not consistent with a deeper purpose. Life may be absurd, and nobody ever truly understands anybody else, but for a novelist to expound this over 424 pages is not a version of Beckett's endgame but a reductio ad absurdum.

## Wisdom of the fonts



BIBLIOMANE

WHAT are the commonest of art? I imagine that our most prolific creations are things we overlook as we look over them. In the room where I'm writing there must be a couple of billion of them, and they are what I am writing with, the atomic structure of literature: letters of the alphabet. And yet, as David "Clear

As" Crystal pointed out in his opening address to a typographers' congress at Reading University, surprisingly little has been done to classify letters across the world's languages and to investigate their workings. As he explained, linguistics has concentrated upon the structure of words and sentences, the sounds of speech (phonetics), and meanings (semantics); but there is no discipline of "graphetics" studying the marks we make.

This was a fine gauntlet to throw before a throng of people who will design, distort or rescue the forms of letters we shall be reading over the next 50 years. Which edition of a book we read affects our experience — that is why people care about good printing — but how does it affect us?
And what do companies achieve when they revamp their liveries? The typographic sig-nature affects the facility and mood of our reading, but is it ever part of the meaning?

Yes. For instance, it can turn a statement into a joke, as was demonstrated by the laughter that met Crystal's slide

#### Modern Alarms

black-letter edition of Chau-cer. Many are uncomfortable with the long-s that was used before 1800, reading it as "f". Yet when we modernise, we lose what I believe was a deliberate play by John Donne in his erotic poem "The Flea": How little that, which thou

deny'st me, is: It suck'd me first, and now sucks

TYPOGRAPHY has consequences. In a talk about her husband, David Kindersley. Lida Cardozo said that his proposed lettering for motorway signs had been shown to be legible in smaller sizes than the face that was adopted — so his signs "would have blotted out less of the countryside".

THE conference ranged from a lecture on how early printers printed red initials, known as rubrication, to laptop demonstrations of Arabic and Jananese character-formation from a Owerty keyboard. The cast included calligraphers, teachers, graphic designers (with rubricated hair or shoes), programers, printers and booksellers. Ther wus even a Simplified Speling crakpot hoose skeems wud leev evry old orther looking iliterat.

THE era of metal type is over. but a forum concentrated upon the handout metal originals of thousands of typefaces that exist in archives such as those of the Rochester Institute of Technology in America and the Plantin Musuem in Antwerp. James Mosley of the St Bride Printing Library, near Fleet Street, spoke of the steel punches of a face such as Plantin as "the letters themselves". Whatever later typographers may do, these endure - like the meter rule in France which used to define what that measurement meant. There was talk of starting to catalogue these various holdings. so that they can help to inform future typographic design. It is always worth remembering that the handsomest of printed books, and some of the least dated, appeared in the 15th century. JIM McCue



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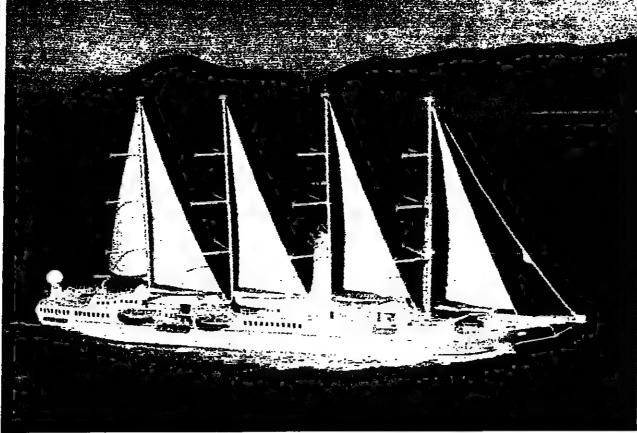
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A THREE-course pre-the-aire supper is available from the Savoy Hotel's River Restaurant for £28.50 a person. The restaurant is also hosting big band-era dinner dances on certain Saturday nights at a cost of £40 a person. Details: 0171-120 2698.

■ WOOD HALL in West Yorkshire has a two-night country pursuits weekend of clay pigeon shooting, hawk-ing, badger watching and fishing. Cost is £85 a person a night including dinner, for a minimum two-night stay. De-tails: 01937 587271.

WEEKEND rate at the Novotel Hammersmith in London is £59 an adult a night, based on double occupancy, including breakfast

and dinner. The offer is available through Superbreak Mini-Holidays and children stay free with two adults. Details: 0161-238 5257.

■ BODYSGALLEN Hall in Llandudno in North Wales is joining with the National Trust for a two-night "house party" weekend on November 7-8. The cost, including private tours of local historic houses and gourmet dinners at Bodysgallen, costs £290 a per-

son. Details: 01492 584466. ■ THE CIRAGAN Palace Hotel in Istanbul, part of the Kempinski hotels group, has launched two new luxury honeymoon programmes available until the end of the year. Prices start from £315 a room a night for the deluxe package. Details: 0800 868588.

■ THISTLE Hotels is offering a choice of special golfing breaks at nine of its Scottish hotels, with prices starting from £195 a person for three nights' half-board accommodation and three rounds of golf. Details: 01294 274272

THE SPREAD Eagle Hotel in West Sussex is holding a Great Mushroom Hunt on the weekend of October 24-25. Cost is from £175 a person for two nights including certain meals and a guided mush-room tour. Details: 01730

THE TENTH-floor restau-rant at the Royal Garden Hotel in Kensington, called The Tenth, is starting a series of seasonal gourmet evenings on October 10. The sevencourse menu costs £75 à person\_ Details: 0171-937.8000.

**■ WEEKEND** Slaley Hall Hotel near Newcastle can take part in its mini golfing tournament. The break costs £375 a couple, based on double occupancy. Details: 01434 673350.

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FLIGHTS leave London on January 17 to join Royal Caribbean's Majesty of the Seas for a nine-night cruise of the western Caribbean, including a call at the private resort of Labadee in Haiti. Sav-

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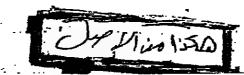
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## BA drops inflight computer plan

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

BRITISH AIRWAYS has been forced to abandon plans to spend £100 million on fitting an interactive inflight entertainment system into every seat in its long haul fleet.

In common with many other airlines around the world BA has admitted that claims from electronic companies that they could produce "user friendly" systems which would allow passengers to choose movies, play games, gamble, shop, telephone or send messages did not work in

reality.
"We all assumed that we would be able to make a leap into the brave new world," said one senior BA manager. But we have discovered that we can't recreate the system available to home-based pc users in an aircraft. It is just too complex a problem."

It was quickly discovered that the computing power needed for such a system would be ten times greater than that needed for the aircraft's own "autoland" blind landing system and that to provide each seat with enough energy to link it to satellites would be more expensive and far more complex than all the equipment needed to fly the plane.

INTENSE competition has forced cruise

companies to offer substantial discounts

in the Caribbean this winter, Catherine

Costa Cruises announced a cut in the

starter price of a nine-day fly-cruise

between December 6 and January 31. As

a result, last week was their busiest ever.

Similarly, Holland America is trimming

nine-night fly cruises aboard Westerdam

from a starter price of £1,235 down to

Bill Gibbons, director of the Passenger

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Shipping Association, denied that the

aboard Costa Victoria from £1,060 to £814

bling, for example - needed a system that would read a credit card, validate it via a satellite, automatically deduct, or occasional credit, the card with its owner's wins and losses and, crucially, be so dependable that no one could later claim they had been duped by the computer.

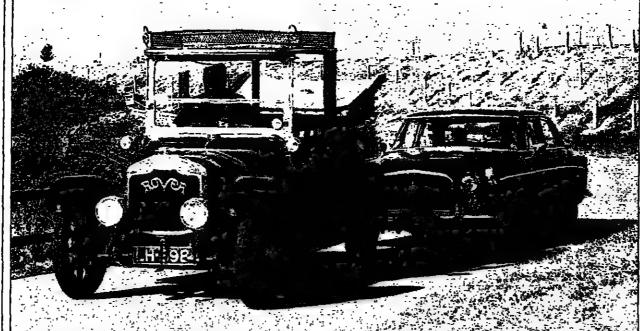
Hand sets were produced which were three times bulkier and more complex than a television "zapper" and the cost began to spiral out of

Then British Airways realised that many of its passengers had never seen a computer before and even sophisticated business and first class pasengers found difficulty in operating the comparatively simple equipment now installed. Now plans to test a proto-

type of the new system have been dropped and senior managers believe it will be at least two years before a system that is simple and robust enough to work in the air will be ready. In the meantime a much

less complex system will shortly be tested using videos carried on the aircraft and without gambling and shop-

nean and Alaska.



The choice of cars will include a 1912 Rover 12hp, originally owned by Lord Catto, and an elegant 1965 Rover P5

# Bed and running-board

GUESTS at the Lygon Arms Hotel in the Cotswold village of Broadway will soon be able to request an extra menu - for

The Heritage Motor Centre at Gaydon, Warwickshire, the largest purpose-built road transport museum in the UK. is to supply classic and Edwar-

By Stuart Birch dian cars for tourists using the vehicles back on the road. So

Fred Coultas, the centre's managing director, believes no other British museum offers anything like it: "Cars should be used and enjoyed

and I wanted some of our

ship in the Caribbean with a very good

lead-in price to tempt first-time cruisers

from the UK. Once we've got hold of

early-booking incentives, many are loath to discount unsold accommodation open-

Though almost all companies have

The UK boom is continuing to exceed

expectations. In the past five years there has been a 150 per cent growth, making it

the fastest-growing sector of the industry.

The average passenger age also appears

to be going down by a year each year; it is currently 54.

passengers they tend to stay with us."

ly. It smacks of failure.

beginning next spring, we have decided to make several available, initially with a chauffeur and including a rare and very valuable 1912 Rover. As the scheme matures we will also offer self-drive cars such as the Austin-Healey 3000, Triumph TR3A, MGB, Riley RME and 1.5, Morris Minor and Wolseley saloons from the Thirties and Forties."

Cars that form the core of the Centre's collection are too precious to be put on the selfdrive menu so Mr Coultas is building up a parallel collection. The Centre is working in association with the Gladstone Carriage Company. which is responsible for operating the scheme and introducing it to tourists. The Lygon Arms is just a start and there are plans to expand to

other major hotels. "At first, we will be offering a chauffered tour of the Cotswolds tailored to visitors' specific needs," explains Mr Coultas. "They may wish to concentrate on historic houses, elegant gardens or particular areas of interest. The choice of cars will include our 1912 Rover 12hp. It was originally owned by Lord Catto who was Governor of the Bank of England. If they want something a little more modern we have an elegant was used in Switzerland from MGF."

new until this year when it was donated to the Centre."

The Lygon Arms programme will be for two people and include two nights' accommodation and a one-day trip in a chauffeur driven Heritage Centre car including lunch. Prices start at about £450 per person. Longer trips with a chauffeur are planned and self-drive cars could be hired for up to two weeks.

"Most cars will be post-Second World War models. simply because they tend to be easier to drive and will cope more easily with a week or two's holiday use," says Mr Coultas. "Drivers will get some instruction before setting off. We will arrange insurance."

Mr Coultas says that the accent of the new project -particularly the chauffeurdriven element — will be on quiet, steady driving, and raising international awareness of the Heritage Centre.

"By using our cars in this way, we will have a 'living' collection. We have more than 400 vehicles with up to 200 on display, including a special presentation of gas turbinepowered Rovers - among them the Rover-BRM raced at Le Mans in 1965 and driven by Graham Hill and Jackie Stewart - and Jet I, which for many years was an exhibit at the London Science Museum. We also have the first MG, the

## Our safety in whose hands?

spreading through the travel industry. Suddenly, the millions of people who use Britain's roads, railways and airlines each day are questioning the ability of the professionals to provide them with the one thing they demand above all else - safety.

Some will doubtless argue that it is an overreaction to a few isolated incidents, but there is a real tension out there that the travel industry must ad-

The death of Dlana, Princess of Wales, a passenger in a chauffeur-driven limousine, was the most dramatic reminder of the

risks of car travel. Shortly beforehand, however, there had been a flurry of reports of near misses in the air including one involving two BA jets, which probably

the closest we have ever been to a mid-air

Then two women were killed in a coach crash on the M6 while on their way to Buckingham Palace to lay flowers. And last week there was the train crash at Southall that killed six and injured more than 150.

perhaps, to blame equip-ment failure or the system itself. But all too often the real cause lies in the weakest link in the chain -- a

No matter how safe the Princess's Mercedes-Benz was, it could not withstand hitting a concrete pillar at speed — nothing could. The air misses would almost certainly have been avoided if the aircraft had been fitted with the latest anti-collision device, but if a aircraft to descend to the same height as another in the crowded skies over Brit-

And though nobody yet knows for certain what happened at Southall, if it is shown that the driver missed a series of warning signals, then how far should we go towards ensuring that a machine takes over

the responsibility for safety? As computers and electronics become ever more sophisticated, it is technically possible to remove the nan element from the controls altogether. If we accept that humans will sometimes make mistakes

or do something stupid, then per-'We still haps we should indeed place our all tend trust in the machines. All aircraft are being fitted with distrust the TCAS anti-

collision device, machines' for example.

catastrophe. misses a signal.

It is a natural reaction,

human being.

Cars can have computers to prevent them from getting too close to a vehicle in front. And, of course, trains can be fitted with equipment that will take over if the driver falls asleep or

But is this what we want? And can we afford it? Even if machines are shown beyond doubt to be safer and more reliable than humans, travellers are always likely to want the reassurance of knowing that a human is playing the major part in controlling the car, ship, aircraft, coach or train.

We still distrust the machine - even if it is less likely to make mistakes than the most highly trained human. Ultimate safety may mean removing the human hand from the controls entirely but is that a price we are

## CHECK-IN

Cruise lines start price war in Caribbean

market was saturated. "There isn't an

overcapacity, just a lot more capacity as in

the late autumn, early winter, many more

ships migrate there from the Mediterra-

specifically dedicated to the UK market -

Thomson Cruises will have two ships

there this winter. For the past two years,

American-based operators have been

taking the UK market much more

seriously. Their cruise growth rate is

down to less than 4 per cent a year." The

upmarket Holland America price cut confirms this. "We felt we ought to have a

"Also, there is now more capacity



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# Bjorkman serves notice that end is nigh for Becker

IT WAS not so much a homecoming as a rude awakening. Boris Becker, the city's favour-ite son, was routed without ceremony here yesterday as a summer of inactivity left him helpless to counter the fierce hitting of Jonas Bjorkman. In almost certainly his last appearance in the Compaq Grand Slam Cup. Becker departed tamely against an op-ponent supposedly jaded from his Davis Cup exploits for Sweden over the weekend.

Becker has been plagued by setbacks since he announced his withdrawal from the grand slam picture at Wimbledon in July. An injured ankle

— coupled with the death of his manager, friend and the inspiration behind this tournament, Axel Meyer-Wolden - left Becker short of tournament play and, therefore, illprepared for competition this ntense. He was duly humbled 6-3, 6-2 in as painful an hour as he can ever have experi-

summarily served on Becker is that he has surely reached the end of the road. He spoke of a love for the game: a love for simply putting racket to ball. Despite his recognition that he can no longer compete at the big tournaments, there are millions who love Becker too much to see him humiliated.

allowed him to reconcile this drubbing to circumstances alone. But the remnants of his once-dominant game lay shattered before him as Bjorkman reduced him to shredding his racket-strings on the net-nost in frustration. Throughout the match, Bjorkman played the hound to his opponent's stag. Once he snared Becker's heel. he would not relinquish his

sad denouement seemed implausible when Becker advanced to a 3-1 lead, Suddenly, however, Bjorkman found the antidote to Becker's venomous service. A series of spiteful returns, coupled with unforced errors from Becker, saw the Swede reel off seven games in succession. Even self-remonstration lacked the passion of old.



Becker: humiliated

## Richardson moves up

ANDREW RICHARDSON. the 23-year-old Lincolnshire left-hander, yesterday moved up 38 places in the ATP tennis rankings to become Britain's No 3 player behind Greg Rusedski and Tim Henman. Richardson is now ranked No 144 in the world after winning his first ATP Challenger title in Urbana, Illi-

His victory lifted him above

IN BRIEF

Home pair

put paid

to tradition

THE inaugural European

team bowls championships

got under way in Guernsey

esterday with a surprising

20-16 victory for a home pair.

Gary Pitschou and Anne Si-

mon, over Mary Price and John Bell, of England, after the Channel islanders boldly

Jones writes).

over Holland

Gourlay, of Scotland.

in the club's 158-year history

last season, will not be taking

on the role next summer.

Tony Pigott, the chief execu-

tive, yesterday confirmed that

Sussex, who finished bottom of the county championship

and Sunday League, will be appointing a new, as yet unnamed skipper.

Sailing: There was little

change in the race order of the

Whitbread Round the World

mained closely bunched.

Hockey: England's oppo-

nents in the Junior World

Cup semi-finals at Milton Keynes on Friday will be

Australia, who drew !-! with

Spain yesterday. In the other

semi-final, Germany will play

Squash: Chris Walker, the

England No I, went out of the

Rush Creek US Open Cham-

pionships in Minneapolis

after being beaten 13-15, 15-11,

15-7, 12-15, 15-13 by Alex

Gough, the Welsh No i. Gough now faces Peter Nicol,

of Scotland, in the second

round. Nicol beat the British

champion, Mark Cairns, 12-

15, 15-7, 15-12, 16-17, 15-11.

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Chris Wilkinson, of Southampton, who is now ranked No 156, and Mark Petchey, of Essex, who is ranked No 158.

Sam Smith, 25, from Essex, retained her ranking of No 97 WTA women's rankings. Karen Cross is ranked No 155. Lorna Woodroffe No 157, Lucie Ahl No 171, Julie Pullin No 173 and Shirli-Ann Siddall

This \$6 million event was designed to elevate the four grand slam tournaments further beyond the rest of the tennis tour. In that respect, Becker's wild-card entry, even as defending champion, was always contentious. His grand slam record this year is poor but his perennial presence has been integral to the success of this tournament.

He spoke of accepting a wild card again next year if he was in better form — although, as he admitted afterwards: "Last time I talked at this tournament, it was as the winner. Now I lost three and two in the first round." For Becker, two months short of his thirtieth birthday, the past ten months have not been kind.

Three times a Wimbledon winner, and still the youngest on record, Becker will play in Vienna and Hong Kong in the coming weeks before assessing his form. He also intends to play competitively in advance of Germany's Davis Cup tie in April — in which he hopes to represent his country.
On retiring completely,
however, he appears as uncertain as are all great sportsmen unwilling to recognise their waning strength. He wants to

give himself one last chance. In contrast to Becker's declining powers, Patrick Rafter looks ready to scale the peaks. The US Open champion was full of invention as he brushed aside Thomas Muster 6-3, 6-2 in an entertaining match.

Bjorkman's opponent in the next round will be Pete Sampras. The world No I beat Felix Mantilla, of Spain, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 And Petr Korda led Gustavo Kuerten 6-3, 5-3 when the latter retired with an injured ankle. Meanwhile, Greg Rusedski, who defeated Todd Woodbridge in three sets on Tuesday night, must wait until tomorrow before tack-ling Yevgeni Kafelnikov in the quarter-finals.

#### RUGBY LEAGUE

### Branson to take over **London Broncos**

By Christopher Irvine

RICHARD BRANSON, the founder of the Virgin business empire, is to take a controlling interest in the London Broncos. An announcement will be made next week that he is to extend his 15 per cent shareholding in the club, which he bought last February.

departed from the traditional Branson will acquire his increased stake from Barry mixed pairs arrangement where the woman leads and Maranta, the Broncos' present the man skips (David Rhys owner, who is expected to remain on the club's board to Pitschou and Simon went work alongside Branson in on to win their second match, developing the club, which against Pam Cole and Bill Toleman, of Spain, 21-16. has enjoyed its most successful season with a second place finish in the Stones Super Price and Bell were beaten League and bigger crowds at 22-7 by mother-and-son partnership. Sarah and David The Stoop Memorial Ground.

The takeover, which is ex-The other Scotland pair, pected to lead to an eventual Joyce Lindores and George floration of the club, is due to Adrain, powered to a 35-6 win be announced at Virgin's offices in London next Tuesday, five days before the Broncos' Cricket: Peter Moores, who home quarter-final against Cronulla in the world club captained Sussex through one of the most turbulent seasons

championship. Stan Martin, the Whitehaven coach, faces a charge of bringing the game into disrepute after he was sent from the dugout by Steve Presley. the referee, for remarks made during his side's Divisional Premiership semi-final defeat by Hull. He must now appear before the Rugby Football League board of directors.

Rob Roberts, the Keighley loose forward, has been ordered to appear before the disciplinary committee today for allegedly striking Nick Fozzard, the Huddersfield prop, during the other semifinal on Sunday. Roberts was not punished by Robert Connelly, the referee, but has been cited by the executive committee after they saw the

incident on video. The committee will also consider the dismissal of Graeme Hallas, the Hull winger, and David Fatialofa, of Whitehaven. Any suspension would rule Hallas out of the Divisional Premiership final at Old Trafford on Sunday.

Shane Flanagan, the Castleford Tigers assistant coach, is leaving the Super League club to return home to Australia for business reasons. He owns a plumbing

test of his rapid rise

Ratcliffe ploughs through the water during one of his gruelling training sessions

Ratcliffe faces ultimate

a man who is making a splash in the tough

world of canoeing

There is no room for error.

"Our schedule is a bit like that of an 800 metre runner, except that for us it is like running on a moving track," Ratcliffe said, "It is hard to be consistent over two runs always the same both times you go down it. It's like gymnastics on water with different manoeuvres and techniques for different ob-

stacles and using both speed "Each river in the separate said.

#### 'It is like being an 800m runner, but we run on a moving track'

championships is different. We have to go through the gates in a set order, but it's working out the quickest way between them that is the challenge - we don't get a practice run, we're straight into the race."

The course covers 25 gates, some red, some green. The red ones have to be negotiated against the current, and there are a minimum of six of these, while the green ones go with the flow. Hitting a gate carries a time penalty of 0.2sec, missing it means curtains with a penalty of 50sec. It looks like someone trying to park a large car in a small space at high speed while the traffic warden has the meter Twenty five times.

Apart from the gates, the main obstacles in Ratcliffe's path to a gold medal are Scott Shipley, from the United States, Ian Wiley, from Ire-land, and "the German team". But Ratcliffe is still the man to beat. At the end of last season he won the World Cup final that earned him a No I ranking for this season and so far he has won two World Cup meetings in

France and Sweden. A mistake in the last race in teenth, which knocked his ranking for the series down to fourth but, overall, he is happy. "I couldn't have asked for more in the first two races especially in Sweden where I won by a big margin," he said. Training full-time,

thanks to grants from the Sports Aid Foundation and a spons-orship deal with Adidas, he fits in up to ten sessions a week on the water - "less in the winter when it

is cold"—and works-out in the gym to build up strength and endurance. Get-ting on the water involves early starts before the recreational paddlers in their plastic canoes make serious training impossible.

Ratcliffe has gone for the poor man's option. On the day be went to the Adidas offices to sign his contract, David Beckham parked his BMW M3 in his speciallyreserved space in the car park and strolled in looking every inch the multimillionaire footballer. It was a sobering moment. "Ah well," Ratcliffe said, sipping his frugal Coca-Cola. "Provided I can make a living I'm happy. And I do love to win."

**EQUESTRIANISM** 

## Fletcher takes jump-off to retain trophy

By JENNY MACARTHUR

TINA FLETCHER, riding Nilsson's McCoist, made an auspicious start to a buoyant opening day at the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley Arena yesterday, when she won the Saffron PPC National Grade C Championship for the second successive

Riding with the flair that gained her the Queen Elizabeth II Cup in 1992 and 1993, Fletcher, 32, produced a fast and faultless round in the four-horse jump-off to relegate Mark McCourt, on Exander, to second place by 1.22sec.

"I went as fast as I dared," Fletcher said. She started riding the seven-year-old gelding (by Secundus) in February and after several successes this summer, including the Grade C Championship at the Bath and West in June, has high hopes for him. They compete again in the Horse and Hound Foxhunter Championship today.

Fletcher married Graham Fletcher, the international showjumper, in April. She came to the forefront of the sport under her maiden name of Tina Cassan when she rode Fred Brown's Genesis to victory in the Queen Elizabeth [1 Cup in 1992.

The chestnut gelding was bought by an American after Brown's death in 1993 and, for the past four years. Fletcher has concentrated on bringing on young horses at Graham
Fletcher's Oxfordshire yard —
with notable success. Sparticus and Fujyama, the horses
on which she finished first and third in the Grade C last year. have since shown consistent form on the national circuit. While her husband cam-

paigns the more experienced horses. Fletcher is content with her novices. She said vesterday she had no wish to return to the international

Christina Hall, from Aberdeen, gained a swift reward for her long journey south

when she and Murphy's Girl won the opening Woodpecker Shavings Junior Newcomer Championship by 0.74sec. The 14.2 hands mare, at five years old the youngest in the class, was bought in Ireland by George Babes, a dealer friend of Hall's, "I mought, because she's so young, she might freeze when she saw the arena and all the lights, but she just went in and lapped it. up," Hall, 15, a pupil at Strathaven Academy in Glasgow, said, "She had never competed before, but George rang us last November and said he knew it was the pony

#### RESULTS

Woodpecker Shavings Junior New-comers' Championship: 1, Murphy's Girli (C Hall), 0 in 29 73, 2, Fagen Bay (J Wingrave), 0 in 30 47; 3, Snowmule (L Stephberson), 0 in 30.62 Squibb & Davies Junior Fostum Championship: 1, Bobby Bracken Marshall), 0 in 32.38; 2, Carleary Hodgetis, 0 in 33.6; 3, Starbound Smith), 0 in 34.60.

Hall was delighted with her win, even though the prizemoney — £50 — barely paid for the petrol for her journey. John Whitaker's son. Robert, 14, was one of four riders with clear rounds over the big, well-built course, and had the fastest round in the jump-off on Mister Boombatik, but paid the penalty with four faults at the penultimate fence.

He also was out of luck in the Junior Foxhunter Championship. Riding Shaboogie Rock, he was eliminated for missing a fence in the jumpoff. The class was won, for the second successive year, by Sarah Marshall on Bobby Bracken. Cheryl Hodgetts. third last year, went one better on Canteeny and also received the prize for the highest-placed Pony Club member.

#### RUGBY UNION

## **Woodward promises** rigorous regime

By David Hands, rugby corespondent

CLIVE WOODWARD may have called an "elite" squad of 23 players to Bisham Abbey yesterday but England's new rugby coach will not hesitate to make changes before the November rush of four internationals - against New Zealand twice, Australia and South Africa. He will have the most comprehensive back-up that the Rugby Football Union

(RFU) can offer. John Elliott, the RFU development officer, will organise a panel of observers and video analysis for Woodward, who will also be able to call on specialist coaches: yesterday Jim Blair, the former New Zealand conditioning coach now working with Bath, joined Woodward, who hopes to be able to use his services

Phil Keith-Roach, once of Rosslyn Park but now with Wasps and recognised as one of the leading front-row technicians, will work on scrummaging. Negotiations are going ahead for a kicking

"The idea is to get a lot of information coming through from as wide a base as possible," Woodward said. You can't get enough infor-mation. If these players are not playing well enough, they will be removed immediately - it will be that tough. There could be changes within the next few weeks but for today I want 23 players in a room who know what we're about."

The former England centre stressed to his players the need for good communication on the field. He is aware that unless his core group of players are on the same wavelength, whatever game plan he seeks could be abortive: during subsequent gatherings, throughout October, he will not move on until he is sure his players are as familiar with communication calls as a club side might be.

"All the great sides have several good leaders and I think we have that." Woodward said. "But we want to make sure that all three sides - the seniors, the A and the under-21 - are playing the same way, using the same calls, getting a standardised way of playing,"

#### FOR THE RECORD

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE: Culture 6 Tomas 14: AMERICAN LOS AND AMERICAN AMERICAN AMERICAN AMERICAN AMERICAN AMERICAN AMERICAN AMERICAN AMERICAN AMERICAN

BASEBALL

Race fleet as the yachts continue southwards across the Bay II.
MATIONAL LEAGUE Prilidelphia II Allamba 6, Minnhrati 3 Florida 8, Minnhrati 3 Florida 8, Minnhrati 6, House 6, Minnhrati 7, House 6, Colorado 7, San Fráncisco 6, Los Angeles 6 San Diego 2. of Biscay. Last night, the four leading boats, EF Language. Merit Cup. Silk Cut and Innovation Kvearner, re-HATTOMAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONISHE

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Group E: London Towars 65 Millen 58. BOWLS

GUERNSEY: Europeen Team champion-ship; First round: Ireland (M Johnston and N Graham) bt. Jessey (C Synet and D Le Marquand) 19-10; Wales (J Wasson and W Thomas) bt Holland (J Aerisen and W Smith) 36-7; Scotland (S and D Gourlay) bt Spain (P Cole and D Toleman) 20-15; Guernsey (G Pfischou and A Smith) 36-6; Holland (M Prote and J Bell) 20-16; Wales (A Darrion and D Williams) bt Guernsey (B Hurtord and B Smort) 28-8; Ireland (D Kane and G McColy) bt Spain (C Toleman and T Pilling) 25-11; Scotland (J Lindores and G Addair) bt Holland (J Trottip and W Van Grites) 15-6; England (J Baker and B Mortey) bt Jersey (S Dingle and C Ranouf) 22-15; Second round: Guernsey (A Smort and G Paschou) bt Spain (P Cole and B Toleman) 21-16; Scotland (S and D Gourlay) bt England (M Prote and J Bell) 22-8; Ireland (M Johnston and N Graham) bt Weles (J Wasson and W Thomas) 23-13; Jersey (C Syvret and D Le Marquand) bt

Holland (J Aartsen and W Smit) 33-7, Jersey (S Dingle and C Renoul) bit Holland (J Tromp and W Van Ginkel) 16-15, England (J Beker and B Morley) bit Spain (C Tidentan and T Pilling) 18-12, Scottand (J Lindores and G Adrain) bit Guersey (B Hurford and B Simon) 16-9, Ireland (D Kene and G McCloy) bit Wales (A Dainton and D Williams) 19-12.

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Bighteenth stage (Burgos in Veladothi, 183 7m); 1. L van Bon (Holl, Rabobenk) 3rr 53rm; 10. L van Bon (Holl, Rabobenk) 3rr 53rm; 3rm; 10. L van Bon (Holl, Rabobenk) 3rr 53rm; 3rm; 3rm; 10. Brochard (Fr. Lohus); 3. Colage (It. Refin); 4. M Piccole (It. Races); 6, J-V Garda Acosta Banesto); 7. Y Elámov (Pluss, US Postal), 8. Gaddeann (Sp. Euskeikel) all same time; 9, 5 Custamine (Russ, Refin) at 37sec; 11. A diseaso (It. Saeco); 12. Thibout (Fr. Cofidis) at same time, Leading overall positions: 1, A Zille (Switz, ONCE) 77rr 4rnin 58sec; 2. F. Escartin (Sp. Keime) at 2rnin 48sec; 3. L Dufaux (Switz, Lotus) 3:39; 4, E Zama (It. Aslos) 5:07; 5. R Heras (Sp. Keime) 8:17; 6. M Serraro (Sp. Keime) 7:10; 7. O Clavero (Sp. Estepone) 7:29, 8, L Jabbert (Fr. ONCE) 9:51, 9, G Faresn (It. Mape) 11:10. 10, Y Ledanos (Fr. GAN) Ludanos 11:22:11, Chieppuco 12:57, 12, P Bordenave (Fr) Casino 13:10.

FOOTBALL

GOLF WORLD RANKINGS (US unless stated): 1. G Norman (Aus) 11 51pts ave, 2, T Woods 11 48, 3, E Es (SA) 9.85 4, N Price (Zm) 927, 5, C Montgomene (GS) 822, 6, T Lehman 8.48; 7, P Medicison 8.22; 8, M Ozele (Japan) 8.09; 9, M O'Meara 7.90; 10, D Love 7.78; 11, J Leonard 6.98; 12, F Couples 6.95

Manchester, dream of be-

coming the next Ryan Giggs

or David Beckham and earn-

ing a gilt-edged living in football. Not so Paul

Ratcliffe. Instead, he grew up

with his sights set on the less

lucrative and giamorous

world of canoeing.
"I suppose it didn't help

that I was always a City fan,"

he said, trying to explain why

he chose to devote his life to

kayaks and paddling. It all

Ratcliffe's father, Bob, took

his two young sons, Paul, 8, and Mark, 5, to watch the

world slalom, championships

It was the year that Rich-

ard Fox won the first of his

five world titles and Paul was

impressed. By the

time he had acquired

the great man's auto-

graph later that day,

Now, Ratcliffe is

going for his first world slalom title at

the age of 23. The

championships are being

held in Brazil and over three

days this weekend he faces a

gruelling schedule. Tomor-

row around 100 competitors

will make two runs down the

600 metre course with the

fastest 20 going through to the final. On Saturday, they

will do it all again to decide

the team competition and on Sunday they hold the two

races that will decide the

medals in the individual

Just to make things a little

more challenging, the rules have changed. In the past only the better of the two runs

counted towards a competi-

tor's placing, now both runs

are combined and the joint

he was hooked.

in Wales.

Couples 6 95
FINIS LEADERSIGARD WOMEN'S RANKINGS (US unless stated): 1, A Sorcretam
(Swe) 479.75pts: 2, K Webb (Aus) 477 89,
3, L Daves (188) 397 72. 4, K Robbris
289 17. 5, L Neumann (Swe) 229 12. HOCKEY

MiLTON KEYNES: Jurior World Cup: Pool A: Span 4 Belgum 2: Australia 4 Holland 0' Holland 5 Cube 2: Australia 1 Span 1: India 4 Belgum 2 Positions: 1, Australia 11pts, 2 India 10: 3. Spain 10: 4. Holland 7, 5. Belgum 4, 6, Cube 0. Pool B: England 3 Palestan 1, Japan 0 Argentina 1. Positions: 1. Germany 12: 2, England 9, 3, Palestan 8, 4, Argentina 8; 5, Japan 3, 6. Evort 2.

ICE HOCKEY

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7 30 unless stated

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATIONS AVCN INSURANCE COMBINATION
First division: Queens Park Rangers v
Ipswich (at Harrow Borough FC, 7.0).
PONTRY'S LEAGUE Premier christon:
Aston Vita v Sheffied Wednesday (7.0);
Blackburn v Stoke (7.0). First division:
Notis Courty v Covernity (7.0). Second
division: Burnley v Wrestern (7.15) Third
division: Welsaf v Sourthorpe (7.0) FA YOUTH CUP: First round qualifying: Concords v Hoddesdon. FA WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Northern diware Arnold v Hundreshild

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Poisley Pirates 2 Ayr Scottish Engles 11. REAL TENNIS

FONTAINEBLEAL: French Open champ-lonship (GB unioss stated): Mert: Quality-ing event: First round: B Ronaldson bt T Batten (Fr) 6-2, 6-4; M Segnour (Fr) bt M Roussilon (Fr) 6-3, 6-1; JWildox bt S Barker 6-2, 6-2; M Eadle bt A Domange (Fr) 8-0, 6-O Second round: H Latham bt G Rugult (Fr) 6-1, 1-6, 6-0; M Seignour bt B Ronaldson 5-6, 6-2, 8-5 Women Semi-finals; S 1-58, 6-2, 8-5 Women Semi-finals; S 1-58, 6-2, 8-6 Final: Hasseell bt Lumley 6-4, 6-4

RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCH: Newbridge 17 Cardiff 55

Jersey, Repton v Hampton, Westminister v Bradfield, FOOTBALL. OTHER SPORT

SCHOOLS MATCH: Boodle & TENNIS: LTA satellite tournament (in Durnhome Cup: Ardingly v Victorie Coli Sunderland).

BASKETBALL: Budwelser League: London Leopards v Lecesier Riders (70). BOWLS: European team championship Guernsey).

SPEEDWAY: Ette League: Ipswich v
Poole (7:30), Swindon v Paterborough
(7:30), Pramier League: Isls of Wight
Newcaste (7:15). Amateur League:
Ipswich and King's Lynn v Mildenhall
(9:0)

SAILING

WHITEREAD ROUND-THE-WORLD RACE: First leg (Southampton to Cape Town): Leading positions (at 14 005M) with distance to finish! 1, EF Language (Swe) 6,740miles; 2, Ment Cup (Monaco) 6,7415; 3, Sik. Cut (GB) 8,7427; 4, Innovalion Kwaemer (Nor) 6,7429; 5, Chessie Racing (US) 8,767; 8, Toshibe (US) 6,786 2.

HEREFORD: German Open: Third qualitying round: J McCulloch (Eng) bit N Foulds:
(Eng) 5-0; O Hann (Aus) bit M King (Eng) 5-2; M Clark (Eng) bit P Lines (Eng) 5-3; D
Handd (Eng) bit J Johnson (Eng) 5-2; P
Wykoc (Eng) bit F Brian (Ire) 5-4; G Dott
(Scot) bit M Price (Eng) 5-1; J White (Eng) bit
E Henderson (Soot) 5-3; G Wildrison (Eng) bit
E Henderson (Soot) 5-3; S Wildrison (Eng) bit
B Snaddon (Soot) 5-3; S Ptilliten (Eng) bit R
Lawler (Eng) 5-1; A Niches (Eng) bit J Princes
(N Ire) 5-1; S Jernes (Eng) bit S Mazzocis
(Eng) 5-2; J Birch (Eng) bit T Murphy (N Ire)
5-4

SPEEDWAY ELITE LEAGUE: Bradford 58 Wolver-hampton 32 SQUASH

MinnEAPOLIS: US Open chemolorestick
First round: Merc S Parise (Eng) bt M
Cheloner (Eng) 15-9, 14-15, 15-12, 15-4; A
Hill (Auc) bt B Moran (Auc) 15-9, 13-16, 1511, 7-15, 15-3: A Gough (Welse) bt C
Walker (Eng) 13-15, 15-11, 15-7, 12-15, 1512; P Neol (Boot) bt M Carris (Eng) 12-15,
15-7, 15-12, 16-17, 15-11, Women: C
Jackmen (Eng) bt T Berestord (R) 8-2, 9-3,
9-1; F Gesves (Eng) bt M Zoin (Egypt) 3-9,
9-1; F Gesves (Eng) bt M Zoin (Egypt) 3-9,

9-3, 9-1, 9-7; S. Homer (Eng.) bt S. Brind (Eng.) 9-3, 9-0, 9-1; N. Gramger (SA) bt D. Holleran (US) 9-5, 9-5, 10-8.

TENNIS MUNICH: Compaq Grand Stam Cup: First round: P Rafter (Aus) bi T Muster (Austra) 62, 6-3, J Bjorkman (Swe) bi B Becker (Ger) 6-3, 6-2: P Nords (Cd) bit G Kuerten (Br) 6-3, 5-3 net, P Sampres (US) bit F Martilla (Sp) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 Marifile (Sp) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2

TOUL CUSE: Men's tournament: First round: A Radulesou (Get) bt N Escude (Fr) 6-4, 7-8: P Haarhus (Holl) bt A Coste (Sp) 7-6, 6-2: I Nydani (Swe) bt M Rosset (Switz) 6-4, 3-8, 6-3: I Heas (Ger) bt O Ogorodov (Lob) 6-4, 6-2: A Clement (Fr) bt O Prinosil (Ger) 6-4, 6-4; L Roux (Fr) bt S Schalken (Holl) 7-6, 6-4: F Sombro (Fr) bt R Lavergno (Fr) 3-8, 7-6, 6-1: G Roox (Fr) bt O Delutite (Fr) 6-3, 8-2

(cf.) 4-8, 7-6, 6-1; G Haroux (Fr) 6-3, 6-2

BUCHARLEST: Men's tournerment: First round: First round: C Moy's (Sp) bt H Dreekmann (Ger) 6-1, 4-8, 6-3; C Costs (Sp) bt I Moldovan (Hom) 7-6, 6-3; T Beimend (Ger) bt A Pavel (Rom) 6-2, 8-2; A Combig (Sp) bt J Fanago (US) 6-4, 6-1; A Frontierg (Aus) bt H Aras (Morrocco) 6-4, 6-0; M Godiner (Ger) bt J Alonso (Sp) 6-1, 6-4, 8-1; D Sanchet: (Sp) bt G Blanco (Sp) 6-4, 8-1; D Sanchet: (Sp) bt G Blanco (Sp) 6-4, 8-1; D Sanchet: (Sp) bt G Blanco (Sp) 6-4, 6-1; A Kapertil (Ecu) bt E Alverez (Sp) 6-4, 6-3; C Ruud (Nort) bt F Vicense (Sp) 7-6, 6-1, 4 A Voines (Rom) bt T Carthonel (Sp) 7-6, 6-1, 5-2, C Ruud (Nort) bt M Filippin (Un) 6-2, 6-3, 5-2, F Camet (Sp) bt M Filippin (Un) 6-2, 6-3, 5-2, F Camet (Sp) bt Sehrend 7-6, 6-4; Moy's 8-9, 4-8, 8-4; SUNDEFILAND: Satellite tournament (CD)

M Gregoro (Slovenia) bt M Hilbon 6-4, 6-2, G
Elseneer (Bel) bt A Gorzález (Sp) 6-3, 6-3, L
Mingan bt J Fox 6-1, 6-2; R Meitheson bt C
Bernsett 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; W Herbert bt J Layne
7-5, 7-8, N Wests bt M Lee 6-4, 6-4, D Lobb
bt D Belcher 6-3, 3-8, 7-6, R Barbier (Fr) bt B
Coven 6-7, 7-6, 7-6, Weel bt M Trudgeon
6-4, 3-8, 7-5 Worser: First round: S Lydon
bt V Daves 7-6, 7-5; M Joubert (SA) bt L
Perions 6-3, 6-3, M Persson (Swe) bt M
Losey (Switz) 6-0, 8-1; A Buengs (Switz) bt
H Crook 6-4, 3-6, 8-1; L Ogen bt C Smith 84, 6-3 Second round: L Lammer bt J
Dawson 6-3, 3-6-6; N Payne bt L Gaber
(let) 6-3, 6-6; N Egorova (Puss) bt K Elicit 63, 6-0; L Centwright bt M Wolfbrand; (Swe)
0-6, 6-2, 6-3, Joubert bt Lydon 7-6, 7-5; M
Persson (Swe) bt L McDonald 6-1, 8-2; A
Warnwright bt A Buergs (Switz) 6-1, 6-0,
LEIPZiG: Women's bournament: First Person (Swe) bt L McDonald 6-1 6-2: A Warnwright in A Busgis (Switz) 6-1, 6-0. LEIPZiG: Women's tournament: First round: S Klernova (Cz) bt J Kandarr (Car) 6-4 6-0: M Gazyboveka (Pol) bt A-G Sciot (Fr) 7-5, 6-0: M Serie (Sp) bt L Cournos (Bal) 6-3, 6-4; S Appelmans (Bel) bt R Simpson (Car) 6-3, 6-3. Second round: (Majol (Cra) 6-3, 6-3. J Kruger (SA) bt E Callens (Bel) 7-6, 6-3. Second round: (Majol (Cra) bt B Schott (Austrial 6-4, 6-2; Y Besuid (Indo) bt A Cochetian (Fr) 7-6, 6-3; M Hingle (Swe) bt M Maruska (Austria) 6-3, 7-5. Appelmans bt M Oremans (Holf) 2-8, 6-3, 7-5. SURABAYA, Indonesia: Women's tournament: First round: Prest round: N Miyagi (Jepen) bt J Watanabe (US) 6-4, 6-3, Second round: S Pitkowski (Fr) bt K-A Gusse (Aus) 6-3, 6-3, 1. Nemeckova (Cz) bt E de Lone (US) 6-1, 3-0 net; D van Hopst (Bel) bt M Seiski (Japan) 7-6, 6-3, H Houe (Japan) bt H Negyove (Stovgleug 6-3, 5-7, 7-5, N Pratt (Auc) bt T Tenasogam (Tha) 7-5, 6-2.

POOLS DIVIDENDS ZETTERS: Trebte Chance: No 24cts winners, 23cts 5275.90, 22 52.10, 21 50.30. Four draws \$4.10 Eight homes £6.00. Four dways £22.60. Three draws from all 16 draws) £5.80. Four the £75.10 Lucky Numbers £2-3-13.31.35-34

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**RACING:** TIGHTER CONTROLS FOR BOOKMAKING INDUSTRY PLANNED TO PROTECT PUNTERS

# Levy Board seeks ring of confidence

THE whole of racing's complex funding system, which is constructed around a levy on betting turnover, rests upon one rather fragile premise that punters enjoy confidence in the bookmaking industry. Yesterday the Horserace Betting Levy Board effectively conceded that punters will too often, sooner associate the word 'confidence' in this con-

text with the word 'tricks'.

The Board, which gathers and distributes the levy, is seeking tighter protection for punters from the sort of gamble they do not wish to take with the integrity, or solvency, of their bookmakers. The Home Office is to be consulted

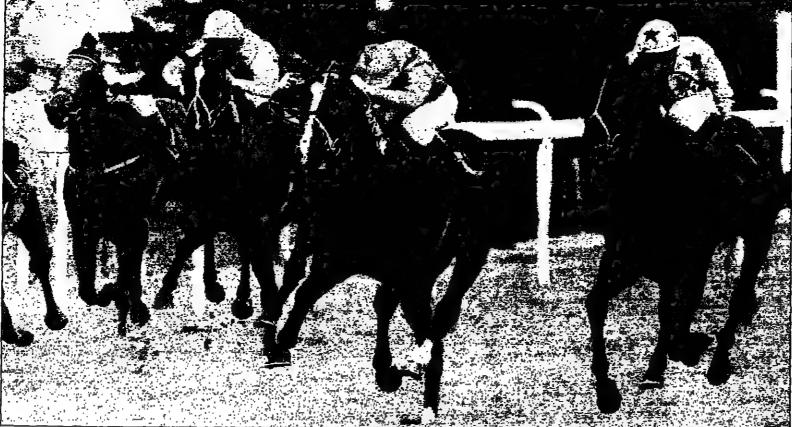
#### RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CLOSE UP (4.10 Pontefract) Next best: Georgia Venture (3.00 Goodwood)

about more rigorous criteria for the issue and renewal of bookmakers' permits by magistrates, while Customs and Excise is to be urged to monitor betting duty payments more closely, seeking early indications of a business in difficulty.

Yesterday's intervention was prompted by the collapse of three minor bookmaking firms over recent months. While Rodney Brack, the Board's chief executive, was anxious to point out that the bulk of the industry is beyond reproach, it has clearly been recognised that such episodes soon prise the wheels off the levy production line.

The impact can be significant when things go wrong."



Imshishway, right, heads for the Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury after landing the Scottish Equitable Auction Stakes at Goodwood yesterday

terday the Levy Board, again

citing the effect on turnover of

suspicions about integrity, im-

patiently threatened to arbi-

trate. After consulting its

lawyers, it has discovered that

bookmakers do not have an

unconditional right to enter a

betting ring. If agreement is

not reached in two weeks,

The punter's lot is, of course,

he said. "But I must emphasise the problem only relates to a very tiny proportion of businesses. The betting industry, like any other, will inevitably include companies that fail for one reason or another. When they do, the

customers are likely to suffer. The Board — particularly independent members. who are appointed to take account of punters' interests acutely conscious of the need to protect the integrity of

perception of the on-course betting market, the source of starting prices, is increasingly cynical. Critics argue that the ring is too primitive (and too easily manipulated) to cope with its vital role in the turnover of millions of pounds off-course. Racecourses, keen to intro-

He also acknowledged a

further concern that punters'

conditions will be imposed from above. duce change, have been bogged down for several years sufficiently vexed at the best of in turgid negotiation with the times. There are adequate on-course bookmakers. Yesimponderables in every horse

E14-52.
2.50 (7) 2vcl) 1, PURIE NOBILITY (D Holland, 14-1), 2, Freedom Quest (S Sanciero, 7-4 Ian), 3, Rewardta (J Egan, 16-1) ALSO RAN.
4 Cherohee Band, 5 Da Boss, 10 Proce Ashegit (44th, 1he Magatrish (5th), 12 Elba Magatrish), Genus 9 (ran 11-1), 1-1, 1-1, 1-4, 1-4, 8 Hills at Lambourn Tote £20.50; £5 10, CL.70. Cz.30 DF £34-70 Trio £141-50. CSF 1296.58

3.20 (7) 2yd) 1, BURNT YATES (\$ Sanders, 10-1); 2, Montano IJ Forture 11-19-2

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3.50 (Im 7/1 198yd) 1, FORGIE (N Day,
17-2), 2, Tumpole (A Cultivane, 6-1), 3,
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E81 50, CSF E45-55 Tildant: S224-78
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4.85 (91 16yd) 1 SWAN AT WHALLEY (R Cochana, 13-2); 2 Caution (K Fallon, 8-1), 3 Listly Sheriff (S Sanders, 8-1) ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav That Man Agam, 8 Gi La High, Palacegala Jack, 9 Sharip Piral! (Hh), 12 Squire Come, 10p Of The Form, 16 Princely Sound, 16 U-No-Harry, 20 Polity Goligotify (5th), Swino (6th), 13 ran Hd, 11, rh, rik, rk, R Pathay at Marton, 10re 17, 20, 62 30, 52 20, 52 54 95 Tricast (200 97

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CSF 547 18 3 10 (2m 110yd hdie) 1, Eden Dancer (P Niven, 2-5 tav), 2, Xapete (13-2), 3, Eurotynsk (5-1) 5 ran 1 VI, 181 Mrs M Reveley Tote £1 30, £1 10 £1 80 DF £2.90, CSF £3.39

13.0, 21.10 £180 DF 22.00 Car 12.39 3.40 (2m 41.10) d hotel 1, Charatar (Mr C Bonner, 5-1); 2, Mithrace (7-2), 3, Vintage Tartinger (5-4 tav) 5 ran 31, 191 J Howard Johnson Tole £4.90, £180, £170 DF £2.20 CSF £1741 4.10 (3m cm 1, Johns The Boy (R Guest, 9-4), 2 Walls Court (8-1), 3, Rushy Blade £2-1 tav) 5 ran 21, kg. N Mason Tole £2.70, £180 £2.30 DF £14.00 CSF £15.45

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Placepot: £46.40. Duadpot: £16.00.

PONTEFRACT, Trainers, P.Cote, 6 winners from 16 runners, 37.5%, J. Dunlop, 14 from 51, 27.5%, B. Hills, 7.1%, Tom 29, 24.1%, M. Stoute, 9 from 39, 23.1%, S. Woods, 4 from 18, 22.2%, D. Lodor, 5 from 24, 20.8%, Jockeys: M. Hills, 8 winners from 37 rides, 21.6%, T. Culmn, 5 from 24, 20.6%, N. Day, 3 from 15, 18.8%, K. Dashey, 26 from 220, 11.8%, J. Fortune, 19 from 772, 11.0%; J. Egen, 4 from 37, 10.8%

- such as why Oh Nellie. second in the 1,000 Guineas in the spring, has still to win a race this season. Nor will she today, in the Charlton Hunt Supreme Stakes, if Red Camellia is in the same heart as when she last ran at Goodwood. That was last summer, when she ran away with the Prestige Stakes, but she has since been repeatedly thwarted by training setbacks. Today sees her first outing since a noble failure in the

French 1.000 Guineas.

There is life enough left in John Reid was yesterday penthe Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Sunday week - but many hearts will be stirred by Dorans Pride's successful return to steeplechasing at the Listowel Festival in Ireland last season's Cheltenham Gold Cup, Dorans Pride shrugged off top weight to win the Guinness Kerry National under Richard Dunwoody.

the Flat season, then - and cilled in to ride Predappio in yesterday. Third as a novice in

#### RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

the betting industry."

Goodwood

3.00 (7h ), 048HISHWAY (k Darley, 14-1), 2, Than (T Culm, 9-1), 3, Maderne Jones IJ Curn, 16-1) ALSO PAN: 11-8 tav Certral Committee (4th), 9-2 Betton, 5 Pricetess (6th) 10 Czer Wars, 50 Lauren's Lad (5th) 6 ran 1-1 (14), at hd, 174, at 1 8 Meether at Lambourn Tota £25 80, £4.40, £1 80, £2.50 DF £80 10 CSF £11 58 DE 1990 TO CSF 2111 58
3.30 (1m 2h 1, DANISH RHAPBODY (Paul Eddery, 3-1), 2, Proper Blue (T Culm, 4-1), 3, Sandstone (T Sprake (11-8 tar), ALSO RAN-9-2 Running Seg (4th), 25 Londy Heart (5th) 5 ran, M, sh A4, 2% Londy Heart at Littlehampton Tote 22 70, £1 80, £1 90 DE 55 50 CSF £13 63

2.20 (1m 5t 89yd) 1, 8PY KNOLL (C Holland, 3-1), 2, Spartan Heartheat (A C'Cannor, 5-1), 3, Abao Horn (M Roberts 4-1) ALSO RAN: 13-8 (av Midnight Watch

#### PONTEFRACT -Chester

2.40 Total Tropb. 3.10 Naskhi, 3.40 Infatuation, 4.10 Close Up. 4.45 Rich Glow. 5.15 Bubble Wings.

BOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.40 EBF POPPIN LANE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,169; 6f) (18 runners)

13-6 Prompt Delvery, 9-2 Capinos Logar. 8-1 My Losi Love, 10-1 Antonio Juli Lesins, Canongs. Sornder, 12-1 others.

3.10 PORTERS LODGE FELLES NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £3,702: 1m 4yd) (11)

3.40 DALBY SCREW-DRIVER RATED HANDICAP

[20, 302. Fill 27 OyU) (10 2000 PREMER BAY 12 (8.0, 5) P Harras 3-9-7. D Holland 3 (9) 3111 ESHTMAN 42 (9,0,5;5) J Danisg 3-9-6. K Danisy 1389 3 (7) 0640 WASP RANGER 35 (5) P Coto 3-9-5. T Charac 65 (5) 1421 PREATLATION 12 (0,5;5) Lody Herniss 4-9-1 à Wasner 17 5 (2) 0403 WAFR 12 (0,6;5) P Cotor 5-9-9. J Fortuna 108 6 (4) 0550 CVCLITY 21 (C.F.) C Britans 3-1-13. M Partners 108 9 (8) -653 THE RI-LANS 13 (7) M Prezont 3-8-7 Dans McKaowri 90 (1) 3440 PROCHECHA 13 (00,5;5) D Monts 3-8-7. N Day 96 (1) 3440 PROCHECHA 13 (00,5;5) J Hotherton 3-8-6 M Tehbaff 88 10 (6) 0313 (0.0,5) D William 3-8-2. — Pressey (3) 97 Partners 1-1 Water Banner Wild'r The In-Lans. Thorsets 8-1

3-1 Estuad intelesion, 7-1 Wasp Ranger, Wally, The in-Laws Devocio, 8-1 Presenting 14-1 others.

THUNDERER 2,15 Forever Grey. 2.50 Lymax. 3.20 Noir Esprit. 3.50 Tesjay'n'aitch. 4.20 Gymcrak Cyrano. 4.55 Tom Brodie. 5.25 Mr Tess Components.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

2.15 PRESS AND JOURNAL MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,772: 2m 4f 110yd) (8 numers) 

2-1 Rel From, 11-4 Alanco. 3-1 Forever Grey, 7-1 Jack Dovy, 10-1 Redical Reform, 12-1 Young Wolf 50-1 Allones, Yearoso 2.50 TRAVAIL EMPLOYMENT GROUP JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0: £2,558: 2m 110yd) (6) 

3.20 WHEATSHEAF CATERING HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,022: 2m 110yd) (5)

URDLE (£3,022; 2m | 1094; 47 1 /1-4 KEEP BATTLING 26 (BF,CD,F,S) J Goldie 7-11-10 R MacGrath (5) 2 21 PRUDE OF NASHMER 27 (C.F) P Hobbs 4-11-5 ... 6 Tormey
3 54-3 RAPID MOVER 36F (B.D.F.6) D Nebs 10-11-1 A Maguine
4 13-8 GALWAY BOSS 13 (D.6) 1 Wilsters 5-10-12 ... A P McCoy
5 P2-0 MORE ESPRIT 24 F Storey 4-18-8 ... ... B Storey

Blinkered first time GOODWOOD: 200 Father Sty 400 Limelight, 5.05 Elakk, The Thruster PERTH: 2.15 Young Wolf, PONTEFRACT: 3.10 Chocolate, No Shame 4.45 Batalour.

## **4.10** FRIER WOOD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,388: 1m 4yd) (13)

(11) 4480 AFIER THE RAIN IS PMS 9-0 (10) ASSET MANAGER M schreson 9-0 (6) 542 CLOSE UP 16-1 Dunlop 9-0 (7) 0 COMMON VERM 10 IN Valide 9-0 (8) 00 DEM/ARDIA 93 J Existes 9-0 (12) 03 R.Y BY NESTT 16 M Stavila 9-0 (9) 0 PREC OPTION 56 B Harbary 9-0 (2) 6 KONNER 30 W Hengas 9-0

9-4 Fly By Night, 3-1 Close Lip, 5-1 After The Pais, 11-2 Asset Manager, 8-1 Free Colum, 16-7 Koniver, Sledmarr, 25-1 others.

4,45 NEVISON HANDICAP

J Fortune
12 (11 2252 CAMONECUR 7 (B.F) T Satisfully 4-5-11 ... L Charmock
13 (10) 0163 BABHRR. BRAVE 17 (D.F) B Burgh 8-6-11
P Robots (2)

5.15 NEW HALL LIMITED STAKES

78 13 (2) 1300 SILENT VALLEY IS (V.D.F) Miss. L. Sintosii 3-8-9 G Hind Si

3.50 ESPRIT HANDICAP CHASE

1 1321 (NOOM-NO-NO 26 (CD.F.G.S) M Hammond 8-12-0 ... R Genribly 2 R/P- STROMS VIEWS 1809 (D.F.G.S) G A Hartes 10-11-5 A Thomston 3-1P2 AUBURN 807 (2 (F.D.F.G.) HAMBARS 10-10-8 A P AMCCOV 4-102 TEE,AVTRATICH 10F (D.F.G.S) J Goldes 5-10-8 S Taylor (5) 5-4912 BATTEPY (RRED 9 (6) N HAMBOR 8-10-6 ... R Gense 6-152 REBEL KINS 24 (C.D.F.G.) M Barnes 7-10-1 ... 8 Storey 9-4 Kaon-No-No, 11-4 Teepsy'n' stch. 7-2 Battery Fired, 9-2 Rabel King, 7-1 Aubers Boy, 33-1 Strong Views.

4.20 HIGHLAND SPRING SCOTTISH CELEBRATION HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,684: 3m 110yd) (4) 7 112/ HIT THE CANVAS 446F (BF.C.F.G) Mrs M Revoley 6-12-0

4.55 MURRAYSHALL HOTEL NOVICES CHASE

1.5,5/1. Zuiy (3)
1. P8-1. BABA AU RHUM 12 (D.G) I Williams 5-11-1 . A P McCoy
2. 25-1. ANABRANCH 12 (D.G) J Jelterzin 6-10-12 . E Callopton (S)
3. 45-3. COTTSTOWN BOY 27 Mrs. 5 Bratherine 6-10-10 . . . M Poster
4. 300- 170M RRODE 145 (D.F.G) 1 Huserin Johnson 7-10-10 . . . . . . A Guest 5 545P ON GOLDEN POND 1 (B.F.G) N Mason 7-10-5 ..... 5-4 Tons Brodie, 5-2 Anabranch, 11-4 Baka Au Rhym, 12-1 Collisioner Boy, 25-1 Du lled Ann Verni

5.25 EBF ALBERT BARTLETT & SON STANDARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (£1,646; 2m 110yd) (15)

## GOODWOOD

3.30 Decorated Hero 2.30 Sword Arm

4,00 Dick Turpin 4.35 Chief Whip 3.00 Georgia Venture 5.05 SHORT ROMANCE (nap)

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.00 GEORGIA VENTURE. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 REFUSE TO LOSE (nap).

#### **GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD**

byourise in latest race) Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, bard. G — good. S — soll good to soll, heavy) Owner in brackets Tranner. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timeleceper: speed rating

DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

#### 2.00 UCELLO II & UBU III TROPHY HANDICAP

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TØT	(10)	0030	AJCONRE 15 (C Hardy) Lady Herries 4-11-10	68				
102	(9)	6422152	DURHAM 15 (B.F.G) (Secret Partnership) 6 L Moore 6-11-10 D Gallagher					
103	1751	00-1530	CLASSY CHEF 168 (Custom Record) J Long 4-11-10 Letter Long	69				
104	[2]	0406620	SANDY FLOSS 17 (Nes S Linesey) J King 4-11-8	67				
105	(5)	011/4/	FATHER SKY 159J (B,G,S) (K komlete) O Sherwood 5-11-5 J A McCarthy	-				
10E	(6)	7060-02	RED RAJA 11J (J Aff) P Medick 4-11-3	1/2				
107			NORDANSK 36 (F) (T Smith) M Madgweck 8-10-13 M A Fitzgerald	썦				
108	(4)	000/	VIA DEL CHATRO 2151 (I McGreedy) J Muzins 5-10-9 Y Statesy	23				
100			ZAMALER 9 (BF,F) (Mess V Markowski) R Florer 5-10-9 C Marrie					
110				35				
111				-				
112				76				
			CHEF'S SONG 201J (Mrs A Device) S Doe 7-10-1 J.R. Kavaragh					
113	10	-22×100	HALLSWACK 10 (6) (M Coort) J King 6-10-0 T.J Murphy	71				
114	(12)	-300404	GRNKA 21 (Mrs M Bruce) J Mullins 6-10-0	58				
115	(1)	00000000	CHALLENGER B (Mrs E Sinclas) L Wells 4-10-0 L Harvey	-				
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MG: 3-1 Red Rasa, 9-2 Outharn, 11-2 Cinet's Song, 8-1 Austrobe, Palaemon, Hullowick, 10-1 o

PALEAMON looks on a lateourable mark. Durbarn best of the remainder

## 2.30 SCATS HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,980: 7f) (11 runners) (6) -650526 TELEMANIA 27 (7) IJ Astronheim) W Hagoss 9-7 1) 033133- SALTY JACK 370 (7) (Salt: 01 The Earth) V Soone 9-6 (11) 5322136 KHAFAKO 14 (B.D.G.) (H al-Alaboum) W Hern 9-6 (5) 331103 SWORD ARM 6 (V.P.) (A Oppenhement 9 Charlton 9-5 (8) 51-4202 REPUSE FO LOSE 9 (G) (J Smalt) J Eustans 9-1

(n) 124500 GEE BEE DREAM 8 (U.F.) (Grant & Bowman List) A James 9-1
(10) 35-0000 BRAVEHEART 26 (G) (W Ponsorthy) M Changor 8-8
(6) 50-4403 RTRA 8 (V.F.) (H.) Albahoumi P Walvyn 8-6
(3) 320550 LTRAM 8 16 (Y Ponsorthy) R Address 8-3
(4) 0-0054 DANDY REGENT 131 (R Ponsorth) C Dyzor 8-2
(2) 3410020 MODAIGHT SHET 16 (G) (C MHL) R Guest 8-1

Telemania 3/41 6th to Shawm in 1m Sendown handicap (good to soft) with Inthia (2th better all 13) 10th Selfy Jack 24% 3rd to Better 10 13 10th Selfy Jack 24% 3rd to Better 10 13 10th Selfy Jack 24% 3rd to Better 10 13 10th Selfy Jack 24% 3rd to Better 10 13 10th Selfy Jack 24% 3rd to Better 10 10th Selfy Jack 24% 3rd to Better 10 10th Selfy Jack 24% 3rd to Better 10 10th Selfy Jack 24% 3rd to Better 10th Jack 24% 3 KHAFAAQ is preferred to intifa-

#### 3.00 NFU RATED HANDICAP (£7,871: 2m) (4 runners)

201 (3) 9611112 MEDIA STAR 36 (V.9F.C.D.F.C.S) (A Abdulin) J. Gesden 4-9-8 ...... G Pedias 100 202 (4) 0-30065 MALF-ANA-AGUI 12 (G.F.) (Oh. So (Sept. Speed) O Exercit 4-8-11 ... Dans O Heill 103 203 (2) 2051112 LADY OF THE LAKE 12 (D.F.S) (J. Akestowald-Buckannol J Demino 3-8-8 G Carter 304 (1) 2451232 GEORGIA VENTURE 15 (G) (Dr. F.Chan) S Weeds 3-8-3 .... R Primort (S) BETTING: 5-4 Media Star, 9-4 justy Ot The Lake, 4-1 Main-Arm-Mou, 6-1 Georgia Vertices. THE CANDLE SMILE 4-13 J Hold (7-4 lev) M SENSE & AMERICAN

MEDIA STAR should be able to gain compensation for namer York detect

#### 3.30 CHARLTON HUNT SUPREME STAKES

402 (4) 0003340 RESTRUCTURE 12 (8F.F) (A Mysec) Mr. J Ceci 5-9-2 ... M Robents
403 (5) 46-1145 MYAAMS 14 (F.S) (N al-National) J During 5-6-12 ... R Hith
404 (3) 50-2216 BLIEYEREEN 55 (D.S) (Machine Survivor Study F Caspile-Hazo 3-6-5 Dane O'Nell
405 (2) 4-22256 DN NELLES 56 (8F.D.F) (M Tabou) (K Calaghas 3-6-6 ... W Ryan
406 (1) 1114-3 RED CAMELLIA 137 (CD.F.S) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Prescoil 3-8-6 S Senden BETTING: 9-4 Decerated Hero, 11-4 Red Carnelle, 7-2 Oh Nelle, 9-2 Negame, 8-1 others. 1996: TABULA 3-8-9 K Darley (4-1) 1 Baiding 9 ran

Decorated Hero neck 2nd to Almushtarak in 1m Dencaster group this states (good to firm) with Newarmis (levels) 3 Wi 5th Restructure 4 Wi 7th to Russian Muss: In 1m Doncaster Indicate (good to firm). On Nette 5 Wi 5th to Dozzie in 77 Goodwood Risted fillies states (good to sain) with Blueygreen (levels) 7 Wi test. Red Carmella Wi 3rd to Always Loyal in 1m Longchamp group I states (good to sain)

RED CAMIELLIA can get the batter of Decorated Hero

#### 4.00 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS MAIDEN STAKES

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E.	(4)	6-03	DRCK TURPPN 12 (BF) (The Obsers) Lord Huntingdon 9-0	1
03	m	530-30	MUTABARI 152 (H Al-Materia) K Materia 9-8	
04	(10)	D4	COUNTY VERITURE 16 (M al-Maitpum) E Duniqu 9-0 K Fation 75	1
05	(3)	5205-2	TOUGH ACT 12 (Mrs R Doel) Mrs A Perrett 9-0 A Clark -	
ÛĞ	(8)		BALFOUR LADY 31 (Buckingham Parinership) J Tollin 8-9 M Roberts 10	
07	(8)		CURZUM STREET 22 (BF) (1 McGarry) D Especto 8-9	
08	(5)	040030	LIMELIGHT 17 (B) (A Sibson) J Toller 8-9 8 Sanders 80	ı
09			PANORAMA 35 (Lord Haldar) L Current 8-8 R Financh (3) 41	
10	(2)	20	PRADESH 9 (Shelith Mohammed) J Gosden 8-8	
П	NA: 3	-1 Touch 8	ict, 4-1 Cuspin Street, 5-1 Panciame, 6-1 Dick Turpin, 7-1 Bet Carlo, Guset Verture, 8-1	
Me.	h 25	1 others		
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TOUGH ACT can confirm running here with Dick Turpun

4.35 EBF MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,199: 61) (10 runners) 

Arctic Star 17/ 8th to Archic Air in 7/ Ayr maiden (good to solt)
Chief White 6f 4th to behand in 6f Goodwood maiden (good) with
Orasino (sevels) 65/1 5th and Thomaso O'Mailey (levels) 16f 11th
Mail Shot 18/ 14th to Sensory in 7f Lecester maiden (good to firm). Twentorten 15/ 6th to Serveyor
in 6f Lingfield maiden (good to firm). Young Josh 6½/1 6th to Determent in 6f Nottlingham maiden CHIEF WHIP gets vote on promising run here last time out

## 5.05 ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE NURSERY HANDICAP

		,	tink for comment				
1	(6)	4210	RICO SUAVE 17 (F) (H kelly) M Prescolt 9-7 S Sanders				
2	(1)	3310	ELAKER 17 (B,BF,F) (H af-Makinum) J Dunkop 9-5 R Hills				
3			KING DARBUS 17 (S) (E Perry) R Haraon B-13 Dane O'Nell				
4	(8)	1640000	BALLET RAMBERT & (P) (Mrs. ) Wain) M Heaton-Eliks 8-10				
5	(2)		BRONZINO 15 (Miss & Swire) G Battling 8-8 S Drowne				
6	(5)	450300	RINGLEADER 23 (8) (Argm) P Cole 8-8				
7	(3)		POLO VENTURE 17 (Dr F Chao) 5 Woods 6-6 J Reld				
8	(10)		SHORT ROMANCE 16 (Abboti Racing Patners) J Hills 7-12 M Heory (3)				
9	(11)		DAWN TREADER 17 (Miss L Regis) R Harron 7-11 R Firench (3)				
10	(4)		LITTLE TUMBLER 13 (Mrs W Edgar) S Woodmap 7-10 A Poll (5)				
11	m	060	THE THRUSTER 28 (B) (Mrs W Hern) W Hern 7-10				
Long handister The Thruster 7-5							

BETTING: 9-2 Etable, 5-1 Ruco Susure, 6-1 Short Romanca, 7-1 King Darlus, 8-1 Ringleader Little Tumbler, 10-1 Pala Venture: The Thruster: 12-1 others 1998: BOLD OFFENTAL 8-9 Pat Eddery (5-1) N Callaghan 10 ran

Cing Danius 41 4th to Kim's Brave in 1m Bath handicap (good) with Rico Suave (1 lb worse off) 81 10th and Elakht (1 lb worse off) 81 10th and Elakht (1 lb worse off) 81 11 10th and Elakht (1 lb worse off) 81 12th. Batet Rambert 181 8th to Sunlay Seeker in 71 Alembury handleap (good). Polio Venture 11 37 d to Confirmation in 71 Southwest mader (AW) with Dawn Treader (9th better off) 171 6th. Short Romance 41 3nd to Holy Wine in 71/5 Lingfield handleap (good) Little Turmbler 31 5th to Tean in 71 Goodwood handleap (71, good) SHORT ROMANCE looks on a lenient mark judged on creditable Lingfield effort

COURSE SPECIALISTS							
TRAINERS E Duntop P Cole ' J Socien E Charling	Wes 8 29 26 17	Rines 31 139 140 72	25.8 20.9 18.6 16.7	JOCKEYS R Firench J Rend M Roberts R Cochiane	Weigers 4 39 20 21	22 270 145	14.4 13.8 13.6



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## GOLF: BALLESTEROS AND KITE ADOPT CONTRASTING APPROACHES ON EVE OF RYDER CUP OPENING CEREMONY

# Rivals hope practice will make perfect

THE temperature dropped noticeably here yesterday. Clouds dotted the sky above the Costa del Sol, which according to signs all along the notorious Cadiz to Malaga road, is also named the Costa del Golf, and there was a distinct feeling that the time is drawing nigh for both the Europe and the United States teams in the Ryder Cup, which starts tomorrow.

"On the morning of the matches, I'll be pumped up." Tom Kite, the captain of the United States team, said. "I will be anxious to see how some of the pairings pan out. to see how good the guys are really playing. A lot of them look as if they are playing really well, but these are just practice rounds. We know that



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tween the practice rounds and the actual competition."

The fiasco about Miguel Angel Martin somehow caught the tone of the last full day of practice before the opening ceremony today and emphasised that it was a more serious day than Tuesday had been. Then, in case anyone was in any doubt that Severiano Ballesteros intends to be a hands-on captain, he warned his team members that, if he saw them doing anything wrong, he would have no hesitation in telling them so. And not only in practice. Ballesteros said that he would do it during the The mind boggled. Did

Ballesteros mean to sound like a schoolmaster? What constitutes "something wrong?" Using a surlyn instead of a balata ball? Lifting an acorn from a bunker, which is against the rules in force in this competition? Taking the incorrect line from the tee at the 4th hole? Going for the green at the 17th from the wrong side of the fairway?

Ballesteros meant none of these solecisms. He demonstrated precisely what he had in mind when he came upon Darren Clarke as the Ulsterman was struggling to get his ball out of a downhill lie in a bunker on the 9th.

"He was playing with his swing too short," Ballesteros. one of the greatest bunker players in the history of the game, said. "And his club, instead of continuing with the slope, was coming up, and so

he was topping the ball. He topped it twice, in fact, I told him to keep the club-face lower through the ball and straightaway he hit a perfect

Giving a team member a masterclass in sand play was not what Kite did, though the 47-year-old was just as evident in support of his team as Ballesteros was of his. Kite stood on the 9th tee and watched as Tiger Woods drove first into the right rough, then played another ball and hit this one into the left rough. As Woods walked from the tee, Kite put his left arm around Woods's right shoulder and talked softly. Kite has stressed two things

to his men. "Enjoy your-selves." he has said repeatedly. "Tom has made this team come together," Davis Love III said, "We are as much a team as any team I have known. We are more relaxed. He has told us "to enjoy, work hard, have fun and do well." He has not been extra strict. He has stressed having fun." Love and Fred Couples de

feated Woods and Phil Mickelson 2 and 1, and the two older Americans, who are such good friends, will surely play together at some time in the first two days, though Couples will have to brush up on his short game. Kite be-lieves putting will be the key to victory. "The best putters will play the most," Kite has said. By common consent, the

outstanding putters among the Americans are Jim Furyk, Woods, Scott Hoch and Brad Faxon, who played with Justin Leonard against Lee Janzen and Jeff Maggert. Furyk and Tom Lehman were partners again, just as they had been when Lehman pocketed \$125 the previous day, and again Lehman and Furyk won, this time bearing Mark O'Meara and Hoch by one hole.

This could turn into a outting contest," Love said, "If the wind blows, it could be decided on the greens. Phil. Brad, we've got to have them out there. They're the guys with the good steady short games that are going to pay off around here."

Couples needs to practice his putting. On the 15th, that stirring par three played from a tee that offers a view of Gibraltar to the west and across to Africa, Couples tried five or six times to hole an eight-foot putt. Long after Love, Woods and Mickelson had climbed to the 16th tee, Couples was still hunched over his ball, before he eventually sank the putt

On the 18th, Couples did not need to putt. To a huge cheer, Love chipped in from off the green. As soon as the ball disappeared, Butch Harmon, Woods's coach, pulled some money from his pocket and gave it to Love and Couples.



in foursomes, bless their

hearts. Foursomes is that out-

landish practice by which

team-mates take alternate

shots and the whole thing

moves along like a dose of

salts on wheels with the wind

behind it. The only problem

with watching their four-

somes yesterday was that this

bition rather than real golf.

For example, Bjornie (as we now call him) hit his first tee-

shot into the trees; Monty

rescued it brilliantly; smiles

all round, even from Westwoody. You see?

I keep thinking it's started but it hasn't. But just wait till

tomorrow. Boy oh boy. Being here, the hype is oddly at-tached to nothing at all, just

wait till Friday and mean-

while buy a periscope if you want to make your own entertainment. I loved the team photo session, but what

must the players feel? Not a ball struck in anger yet and aiready the yellow and green shirts used up. Tomorrow,

you can forget those first-day

nerves. They will attack the

ball like ravening wolves and

we shall all say "Hooray,

Meanwhile, there's time to

notice that, aside from the

black-and-yellow Johnnie

Walker symbol everywhere

you look, there's no sponsor-

ship allowed. No Nike hats,

no Pringle woollies. For some

of these guys, being on the Ryder Cup team must feel like

going into prison and having

your personal effects confis-

So roll on tomorrow. Sadly,

a colleague has just pointed

out to me that my lovely

periscope resembles an offen-

sive weapon — crushing news,

but kindly meant. When to-

morrow comes, and I draw it

from its pistol-shaped Leath-

erette case, it appears I may be

rugby-tackled at the 1st green

and frogmarched to Gibral-

tar. Amazingly. I am still looking forward to it,

by the admissions

hooray".

arne looks like friendly exhi-

## Periscope puts patient approach in perspective keep team stable

expensive sandwiches turned up in the catering outlets (tough luck for those of us who pawed pathetically at empty cold cabinets on Tuesday). Meanwhile, the marshals now give directions to the 8th tee without first looking blank and panicky; and if a system of cable cars and helicopters was installed for the use of foot-weary hacks whose hair sticks flat to their heads when they are fagged with walking, the excitement would be almost unbearable.

The atmosphere is one of phoney war, I suppose. Every morning, you wake up with a jolt and think "It's started!" And then you think, "No, hang on", and sink back strangely upset. Personally, I realise I've been artificially enhancing the suspense of waiting for tomorrow by blanking out all references to the American players, thus preserving their exotic mystery. "Oh look, Americans," I can say tomorrow. "Well howdy doody, is Tiger here?" Accidentally spotting Scott Hoch on the driving range yesterday, I could only identify him by reading his name on his bag. Exactly as it should be, I thought, and instantly wiped out all memo-

With the Europeans, on the other hand, one's attitude grows daily more unconditionally approving, as though they were pet lambs or something. Look, there's Monty and Woosie and, er, Langerie and Parnevikie! In the galleries, we chat in banal fashion - "those yellow shirts are nice, aren't they?" "Yes. but the green shirts yesterday were very nice, too." In the distance, on the practice ground. Woosie and Seve and he boys exchange banter and I laugh along, even though I can't hear what they're saying.

Odd, when you think about it. Yesterday was another practice day, identical to Tuesday, but the crowd was gearing up for the competition with more applause and big-



At Valderrama

ger galleries, some of them gladly masticating a sand-wich instead of fainting with hunger as before.

It was one such eager member of the public carry-ing a home-made periscope (cardboard tube, sticky tape). who inspired me to visit the shop beside the 4th green and purchase for a mere 8,500 pesetas (or £35) an extendable periscope of my own. What larks, eh? It goes up, it goes down, but you can't do that funny thing of shutting your thumbs in the handles. An absolutely vital piece of equipment, however, with hours of entertainment built in. I've always fancled a peri-

scope for a golf tournament, in any case - I'm a Wise Virgin type by temperament. and have admired the people who use them in matches shown on the telly. So much more elegant than carrying a great big stepladder about cheaper, too, than hiring a forklift truck. In the pressroom, if spirits flag, I can now say "Hey! I've got an idea, let's play with my periscope!" fol-lowed by "Hey, where did everybody go?"

Out on the course, the Americans were doubtless pursuing golding activity of

# Three wise men

ASK Severiano Ballesteros to hit a golf ball over a ten-foot high wall from a distance of six feet or through a small forest while kneeling down. and he will do it - and has as though it were no more difficult than bending down to pick up the morning paper. There is one taient however. that even El Gran Señor still does not have, and that is the ability to be in two places at once. Enter Team Ballesteros. When the big decisions are made at Valderrama this

week. Ballesteros will be on his own, and that is the way he would want it: never in his life has he dodged the taking of responsibility. But he will not be alone and isolated in the making of those decisions, for beside him he has three aidesde-camp who, between them, can boast three parts of a century of golfing know-how. Ballesteros's lieutenants

here are the vice-captain. Miguel Angel Jimenez, Mark James and Tommy Horton. As the temperature inside heads and hearts has risen among the Europe team this week, the gang of three have been constantly at their sides. reassuring, cajoling, encouraging, sympathising.

They have to be all things to all the leading characters in this sporting grand opera. They are Ballesteros's eyes and ears by proxy and a mixture of coach, counsellor and confident to the players. all working to the common cause of making the whole greater than its constituent

Like the captain himself. James and Jiménez are new to the subtle arts of leading from outside the ropes. Solid and dependable, both as players and people, they provide a calming counterpoint to the passion and fire that burns within the Ballesteros belly.

"I see my strength as being close to the players because I'm still out there, playing alongside them, on a weekly basis," James said. "I feel pretty close to them, the young

ones included, and I'd like to feel that, if they are particularly happy with a pairing - or not, for that matter — they can come to me and I'll listen. In that way, I suppose, I am a sort of a conduit, a link between the players and Seve.

"In the practice days. I'm assessing all the pairings and reporting back to Seve. He has his ideas as to what he wants. but, if things are not working, we mustn't be afraid to tell

"Once the match has started, it's even more important for us to be out there. Seve can't be with everybody. His role is to take the overview of things, so it's up to us to let him know how things are going."

Horton brings different

qualities to the team. A player in 1975 and 1977, he has been involved in a back-room capacity in every match since. When wisdom born of vast experience is called for this week, Bailesteros could wish for no better adviser. They are a formidable quar-

tet four components of a computer that is programmed to produce the correct answer to any given question. They will get things wrong this week, for they are only human. If they do it too often, they will surely be held to account. If they do not, the praise will be hard earned. No. Ballesteros cannot be in two places at once; but he knows three men who can.



James: close to players

## Mickelson dips into his box of tricks

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES

LEE JANZEN, who formed a promising double act with Brad Faxon in their joint postpractice press conference here yesterday, admitted that the Americans had a few jokers in their team but revealed that he was keeping a particularly wary eye on Phil Mickelson. "He's scheming some-thing," Janzen said. "I'm try-

ing to keep close to him so I'm not the one who gets it." On close inspection, the leff-handed Mickelson does have a bit of a wicked glint in his eye and he showed that he was game for a laugh with a classic bit of showmanship on

Mickelson was playing with Tiger Woods, Fred Couples and Davis Love III. The 27-year-old has long been expected to end Bob Charles's career as a quizmaster's quintessential sporting quirk (the only left-hander to win a major championship), but, unlike his playing partners, he has yet to win that elusive major title. Couples won the Masters in 1992. Woods sneaked home at Augusta this year and the paint has yet to dry (along with some of the tears) on Love's US PGA Championship at Winged Foot last month. Yet Mickelson left no one watch-

At the 17th, where there was a big, multinational crowd drawing its own conclusions about Seve's hole (Bailesteros's redesign in 1993 has been praised and condemned, not necessarily in equal mea-sure — Mickelson thought it a great par four rather than a par five), the left-hander was the star turn.

ing in any doubt that he

belonged in such company.

First, he holed out with a wedge from the fairway, then, to the delight of the spectators, he and Woods demonstrated the art of the flop shot from ... the fringe at the back of the green to a pin a few yards away - too little flop and the ball was likely to run back down the hill into the water. too much and it would stay at the player's feet.

As the players turned to go,

a voice yelled: "Hit it back-wards." There was a pause and puzzlement. The voice bellowed again: "Hit it backwards." A brief discussion followed and Mickelson placed his ball on the grass beside one of the bunkers in the hill behind the green. He then faced away from

the green, looked back to check that Woods was safely out of the line of fire and. opening the face of the club. hit the ball high in the air, over his own head on to the green. There was pandemonium after this piece of prestidigitation, a party trick that Mickelson used to practise in the back yard at home. It will now be discussed in

golf club bars all over Europe . but not, one hopes, attempted. Woods, Couples and Love, temporarily eclipsed, just laughed. Mickelson was the man of the moment and, when things get more serious. there is every chance that he will turn out to be one of the

#### Calculating captains measure stomach for a fight defeat Ben Crenshaw and computer, and contains such

an average of 200,000 golf balls a year, but he will never forget the single shot that was physically beyond him. The terror struck precisely 12 minutes before he was due to make the opening drive of his Ryder Cup debut, and his brain ordered his body to surrender

'It doesn't really matter who hits the first shot, does it?" he asked his foursomes partner, Bernhard Langer, as they gathered themselves on the practice tee at Oak Hill two years ago. The German, recognising the hint of panic in his hushed tones, instantly accepted the responsibility.

He allowed Johansson to ease his way into the match with a routine mid-iron from the sanctuary of the 1st fairway, and the pair went on to

Curris Strange. "You want to be a little nervous out there, but not out of control." the Swede acknowledged with a bashful smile yesterday morning. He knows, as well as anyone, the complexity of the mind games that decide win-It is easy to fret, but far

ners of the Ryder Cup. better to make a friend of fear. That sanitises stress, puts peer pressure into perspective. The best thing about the

Ryder Cup is you put yourself in the position to get scared to death about how you are going to perform," Tom Kite, the United States captain, insisted with the quiet desperation of a timeshare salesman from Montserrat. "People don't understand how wonderful that

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Hmm. According to lan

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Michael Calvin suggests that it will be mental as anything when the 1st tee beckons the players tomorrow

Woosnam, "you feel like you're going to throw up". Davis Love III observed, with equal delicacy: "There are times you're so nervous you can't spit." The respective captains might attempt to project the inner peace of Buddhist monks, but the intestinal tracts of their teams are a

more reliable gauge of reality. "I felt the players could handle things as long as I didn't portray a defeatist attitude," Bernard Gallacher, who is no longer bound by the conventions of the Europe team captaincy, said. "It was up to me to give an impression of calm, even though, under-neath that facade, all I felt was

nanic." Severiano Ballesteros, his successor, is a little less circumspect. He is impulsive, emotional, and cannot be true to himself until Sunday night. He is a bohemian acting as a bank manager, and it cannot

"He'll be running around everywhere like a headless chicken," Woosnam laughed. "It's good for the young guys to see someone so excited. It might just give them a buzz."

the Ryder rookies poses a delicate psychological dilem-ma. Unfulfilled ambition burns in the eyes of young men such as Darren Clarke, Westwood and Ignacio Garrido, who played with Nick Faldo yesterday. Their body language registered private concerns, imaginary slights, suppressed emotions.

Clarke's demeanour, during his initial partnership with fellow newcomer Garrido. suggested he felt that his chances of early selection had receded dramatically. Westwood, one of his closest friends on tour, radiated similar unease alongside Faldo.

Officials radioed Ballesteros for permission to change the teams to enable Faldo to play with the similarly meticulous Garrido for the rest of the round. "You've got to put them under your wing, shield them from the bullets, and let them be themselves," Faldo said. "It helps if you let a rookie freewheel it."

There are 66 possible permutations that the captains can come up with today, when they announce the pairings for



Johansson: terror struck before Ryder Cup debut

the opening set of fourball matches, and each is a distinc-tive blend of human chemistry. This is their equivalent of stepping on to the 1st tee, the point of no return. By day, Ballesteros has been

prowling the course, his brow knotted in a perpetual frown. He has been waking in the night, and making notes in a small, blue, hardbacked book. "I've been researching the

chemistry," he said. "You can tell how players feel by the way they look at each other. the way they talk to each other. write down how they play. how nervous they are." Kite, a different animal, is

more clinical. His information

is stored in a small laptop

meteorological minutiae as the wind strength and direction at the course over the past 300 days. "I know I'm going to get second guessed," he said. "It doesn't bother or intimidate Fred Couples was happy to supply guidance, "You need to be comfortable with your partner." he stressed. "Saying

sorry all day long, and telling people not to worry, is not what you want. That happens because you're not familiar with the guy. You're begging yourself to hit it straight, and that's hard. It kinda wears on you."

Phil Mickelson, his practice partner, accepts that concessions have to be made to individualism. "Each guy is different." he argued.

With Fred, you just let him do his thing. You don't need to rah-rah him to victory. He knows how to get there. Some players need more motivation to get excited. Others need to calm down." Sometimes, Ballesteros can-

not help himself. He was obliged to pose with the Cup with Tom Kite at one of the many pre-match functions this week. This is as close as you'll get to this," Ballesteros said through his smile. Kite laughed, but the point had been made. As Per-Ulrik Johannson can testify, this is serious stuff.



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FOOTBALL

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## Merson finds a new direction far from home

By Russell Kempson

PAUL MERSON, the former Arsenal striker, has had his problems with drink, drugs and gambling, which he is gradually overcoming, but his move to Middlesbrough three months ago has hardly helped the healing process. He now has to make a daily 600-mile round trip to Teesside, from his home in Hertfordshire, and he admits it is starting to affect his family life.

"I have to get up at 6.45 in the morning to get to training and I sometimes feel tired even before I get there," he said. "I'm finding it hard to settle, and it's tough for me at the moment, but I'm determined to make a go of it with Middlesbrough. I love the club and the players and the football has been brilliant." Although Merson has

looked at houses in the North East, his wife, Lorraine, is not

keen to move to the area and uproot their three children. Whatever happens, my family's wishes have to come first," Merson said. "To see as much of the kids as possible, I'm on the train every day and then I'm back again in the

evening."
Middlesbrough's game against Barnet at Underhill on Tuesday night, in the Coca-Cola Cup second round, gave Merson a welcome respite. "I was able to get away after our home match against Birmingham City on Saturday, go home for a few days and meet up with the team just before the game," he said. "I just hope we get Arsenal in the

The rest appeared to do him good. Merson scored his second goal for the club, a penalty, since he joined them from Arsenal for £4.5 million

## Pallister profits from referee's screen test

By DAVID MADDOCK

THE Football Association yesterday overturned the red card given to Gary Pallister, the Manchester United defender, in the game against Bolton Wanderers last Sat-

Pallister was sent off by Paul Durkin after the referee saw him as "raising his fists" in a confrontation with Nathan Blake, who was also dismissed. Pallister, and Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, denied the charge vehemently.

After watching a video of the incident, Durkin admitted that he had got it wrong. "Paul Durkin decided he wanted to look at a video of the match before he filled in his report," an FA spokesman said yesterday, "On the video he saw the incident from a different angle and he has

said in his report that he now thinks the offence was only a

yellow card," Pallister said: "I am glad that it has ended this way, because I really did not believe I should have been sent off. The referee told me afterwards I was dismissed for raising my fists but I did not do that, and I think the video evidence supports me.

"It would have been painful to have served a suspension for something that I did not

Durkin's decision is another illustration of the new mood within the FA, which increasingly has allowed video evidence to be used in the defence of players. In the past, the English game's governing body had flatly refused to allow television recordings to aid an accused party's case.

during the summer. Middlesbrough beat Barnet 2-0, Mikkel Beck also scoring, as they eased through 3-0 on aggregate.

On an evening devoid of surprises, Sunderland, Reading. Sheffield United, Birmingham, Ipswich Town, Tranmere Rovers, West Bromwich Albion and Oxford United also progressed into the third round. Birmingham lost 2-I away to Stockport County, who reached the semi-finals last season, but their 4-1 firstleg victory proved decisive. In the FA Carling Premier-

ship, Wimbledon recovered from 1-0 down against Barns-ley to win 4-1 at Selhurst Park. Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, was unhappy at the unsympathetic response from his side's supporters after a

poor first-half display, "Quite frankly, I was dis-gusted with them," Kinnear said, "We've worked our socks off for this club on a shoestring, but they soon forget that. It's the players I feel sorry for. I told them at half-time to ignore all the rubbish being shouted. The fans were cheering again at the end, of course; it's easy then." Eric Tinkler, assisted by the

apparent use of a hand, gave Barnsley a 41st-minute lead, but Wimbledon replied through Carl Cort, Robbie Earle, Ceri Hughes and Efan Ekoku in the second half. The crowd of 7.668 was the lowest in the Premiership since December 23, 1995, when 7,105 watched Wimbledon play Blackburn Rovers. Tottenham Hotspur drew

I-l against Barnsley at Oakwell, Chris Armstrong's second-half header canceiling out Alan Thompson's twentiethminute penalty. It was Armstrong's first goal for almost 11 months, much of which he has spent recovering from injuries. "I've spent a long time sitting at home thinking about this moment," he said. "It was great to knock it in."

## Craig puts accent on widening horizons

Tim Hallissey on

the Englishman

who is exporting IndyCar to the

motor racing world

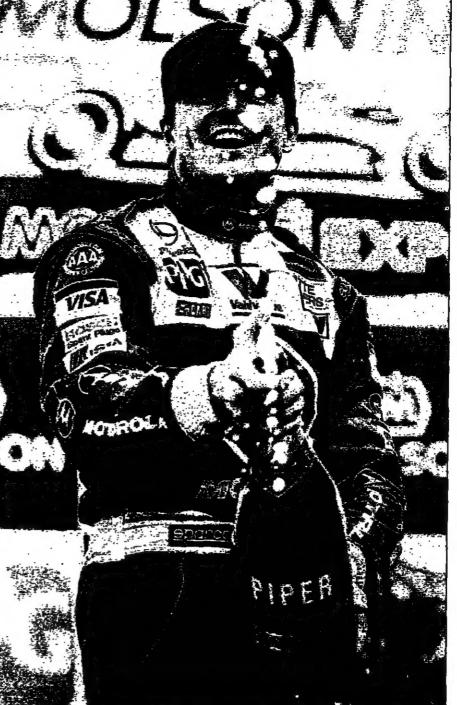
n IndyCar race is a taste of America as slice of mom's finest apple pie. It is a giddy. with colour, cash and the corporate logo — that swirls around the sleekest motor-homes amid a compelling cacophony of howling en-gines and even louder T-shirts.

Yet inside the biggest and shiniest of all those mobile fortresses, the one belonging to Championship Auto Racing Teams (CART), which runs the series, the man who orchestrates the whole spectacle details his strategies not in any kind of deep-fried drawl, but with the cut-glass diction of the British ruling classes. Andrew Craig, 47, is the president and chief executive officer of CART and, while the incongruity of his accent grabs the ear, it is the success that he is enjoying that holds the eye.

For years, the series sped relentlessly on its ovalshaped tracks, caring not a jot for the more worldly-wise manoeuvrings of Formula One. Since Craig arrived three years ago, via public school on the Isle of Wight, London University and a prestigious career in sports marketing, its horizons have broadened considerably.

Last month Craig was in Motegi, Japan, for the opening of a new oval that will stage its first race next year. Houston, one of a growing number of road courses, will also make its debut next year, completing a 19-race series that will also take in Australia, Brazil and Canada. Craig hopes fervently that Berlin will be added to the itinerary by the millennium.

He describes himself as "an exporter of racing", but it is a trade fraught with difficulties, demanding the delicate balance of the global imperative against the innate insularity of the American market; Craig handles it with a silken dexterity and bear-



Blundell's success in the IndyCar arena has emphasised its cosmopolitan flavour

ing that would not be out of are popular all over the place in the diplomatic corps. We are not trying to be anything other than what we are, which is, after all, the national motor racing championship of America,"

But American products

world and we do have to bring CART into the modern arena and make it a more sponsor-friendly series. That where 95 per cent of revenue comes from, so we need to support that with a good fan base."

vour is reflected in the present drivers' championship, which has been won, with a race to spare, by an Italian, Alex Zanardi. A Brazilian, Gil de Ferran, has the chance to secure second place in the last race of the series in Fontana, California, on Sunday and it is likely that American drivers will fill only three of the final top ten positions. Among the interlopers, Mark Blundell, driver from Britain whose nascent IndvCar career suddenly found the fast-forward button this summer, is ranked ninth.

With race wins in Portland and Toronto, second place in Michigan and Monterey and near-misses in Detroit and Wisconsin, all in the past nine rounds, Blundeli has finally established his credentials, which were rubberstamped last month when he signed a new two-year deal with his PacWest team.

Although Craig is assidu-ous in defusing any per-ceived threat to Formula One from a vibrant, expansionist IndyCar series and is quick to preach the gospel of peaceful co-existance, Blundell, 31, reinforces the growing asser-tion within motor racing that while the wheels have not yet come off the Formula One machine, it is in need of some

e is in a good position judge, having taken up the ITV microphone alongside Murray Walker at the Canadian Grand Prix in June, when Martin Brundle was otherwise detained, taking part in the Le Mans 24-hour race. There are a few cracks; it is lacking a bit of sparkle," he said. The people in it are so insulated to outsiders. There is no accessibility; the atmosphere is not so electric. CART, meanwhile, just gets stronger and stronger.

The racing is some of the best in the world - it's allout, wheel-to-wheel close competition - and at each race you know any one of a dozen drivers can be the Eurosport, the pan-Euro-

pean satellite television broadcaster which covers the series, is reaping the benefit of the continental drift in the drivers' standings, providing a further ringing endorsement of Craig's stated ambition of "attracting more people to the track and more people to the television". This particular American

dream, albeit one made in Britain, lives on.

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Chippernam.

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Wootton 2: Stamford 3 Boston 1;
Stotfold 1 Eynesbury 1.

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SCHOOLS MATCH: Boodle and Durithorne Cup: First round: Welling-borough 0 Lancing 0 (act, Wellingborough win 4-2 on pens). Full Film Trophy: First round: Haveril 2 Southampton 3 (act), Inter-association: Saltord 2 Botton 2

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPION-SHIP: Qualifying group two: Moldova O Georgia O (In Chisinau), Giroup soc Slovakia 3 Spain 4 (in Timava).

TTALIAN CUP: Second round, second leg: Intervazionale 3 Foggia 2 (firter win 4-2 on agg). DUTCH LEAGUE: PSV Endhoven 3

BELGIAN CUP: First round: Standard Liege 1 Antwerp 1 (Standard Liege win 4-1 on pens): Lokeren 2 RWD Mo-lenbesk 1: Alost 3 RTFC Liege 2: Ghent 2 Lemmel 5: FC Marchalan 3 Westerlo 2 lenbeak 1: Ausst 3 HTFC Lege 2: Unent 3 Lommet 5; FC Mechelen 3 Westerlo 2. Genly 5 Beveren 1, Waregem 1 Saint-Trond 0; Cercle Bruges 2 Ostend 2 (Ostend win 7-6 on pens).

(Ostend win 7-6 on peris):
GERMAN CUP: Second round: MSV
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2 Arminia Bielefeld 2 (aet; Arminia won
4-2 on peris): Eintracht Frankfort 3
Werder Bremen 0; Eintracht Toar 1
Schalke Q4 0; Waldhof Mannheim 4
Schalke Q4 0; Waldhof Mannheim 4
Schalke Cottbus 3; Alemannia Aachen 2
VfB Leipzig 1 (aet): VfL Wolfsburg 3
Bayern Munich 3 (aet; Bayern won 4-3
on peris)

#### RUGBY UNION

### Chalmers' switch provides new twist

By Kevin Ferrie

THE debate about who is the best man to wear the No 10 shirt for Scotland this season took an unexpected new twist yesterday.

Craig Chalmers, widely thought to be the leading contender for the fly-half position, was selected at inside centre for Scottish Borders in their Heineken Cup visit to Bath on Saturday.

It is the first time that Chalmers, 28, has played there since his schooldays, and he said: "My preferred position is 10, there is no hiding that, but I am quite prepared to play at centre if it is best for the team. Anyway, it is not so much the position you are playing now, you've just got to get on with the rugby and be versatile. It is not a bad

thing to be seen in that light." If Chalmers continues to be selected out at inside centre, it could leave Scotland with a real selectorial headache in the position for the game against Australia in November.

Gregor Townsend occupied the role with distinction in 1996, but fell out of form and favour last season. However, Townsend made up some ground with his dependable performances during the British Isles series win over South Africa in the summer.

Duncan Hodge, capped as a late replacement during the match against France last season, has emerged as a third contender. Hodge was so authoritative in five of Scotland's six matches on their development tour of Africa that he was given the captaincy for the final match and led the team to an impressive win over Eastern Province. His selection could also resolve another problem since he is the most reliable placekicker in the

country Chalmers appeared to have become the favourite once more this season when Townsend, at Northampton, and Hodge, at Edinburgh, were not selected at fly-half for recent European Conference ties, but were chosen

#### CYCLING

### Obree left out of team for Spain

By PETER BRYAN

GRAEME OBREE, twice world pursuit champion and British time-trial record-holder, suffered his third setback in as many weeks yesterday in his attempt to regain international recognition when he learnt that he was not selected for the world championships

in Spain next month. It was not the news he wanted or expected. He was midway through moving home at Irvine, Ayrshire, and had high hopes of joining Chris Boardman for the 44kilometre time-trial at San Sebastian on October 9.

Obree was selected for the world track championships in Perth, Australia, last month but was not given a ride. He was then named for the Grand Prix of France timetrial a fortnight ago. The event was cancelled.

He and several other world championship aspirants be-lieved that the British Cycling Federation 26-mile champion ship next Sunday would be a selection event for San Sebastian and had based their lateseason programme around it. Obree said that although

disappointed at non-selection, he could still compete on Sunday. "After all, it's the British championship and that means a lot to me," he said, between humping packing cases into his new home. Stuart Dangerfield, second fastest British 25-mile timetrial rider to Boardman, was another disappointed at missing a world championship place. "My programme for the last six weeks has been designed as a build-up for the

World title," he said.

BRITISH SQLAD: More: Three-trait: C
Boardman, D Miller, Under-23 three-trait: C
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Time-triat: Y McGregor, M Johnson Road
race: Y McGregor, C Alexander, M Lawrence, A Hunter, M Hughtes, S Boyden.
Junior road race: C Gillian.

world title," he said.

☐ The Dutch rider, Leon van Bon, edged out Laurent Bochard, of France, to win a sprint finish to the eighteenth stage of the Tour of Spain yesterday.

## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

#### By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

The London Trophy Bridge Competition is the brainchild of Freddie Della Porta and has now been running for nearly two decades. This year Hilton Hotels sponsored the event. The idea is to introduce duplicate bridge to a wider group of participants. 'Non-bridge' clubs, typically tennis and golf clubs where bridge is played, are encouraged to enter. Only simple systems are allowed. Danny Roth describes this hand from the 1997 final, an example of overbidding good hands and underbidding poor

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A number of points are relevant here. First of all, opening a weak no-trump in third seat, even non-vulnerable, carries considerable danger at aggregate scoring. One Diamond is more prudent. Secondly, I do not think North should be frightened to double Two Hearts. Some of the biggest penalties can be gained in the partscore zone and if you never double anyone into game, you are not doubling enough. If South has doubled One No-Trump on a long

running suit with little outside, he can always take it out. Thirdly, if South bids Three Diamonds at his second turn, that is the measure of his hand. North always has another chance. Fourthly, with a promising heart lead West should not have been frightened to double Three No-Trumps. Clearly, she feared a long running suit, but East was likely to have enough strength to prevent South from pinching an immediate nine tricks.

The play matched the bidding. Dummy's nine of hearts won the first trick and South decided to take the spade finesse, and pray that the queen of diamonds dropped in two rounds. That resulted in four down.

☐ Since the Jaunch of The Times Midland Private Banking National Bridge Challenge in July 76 heats have been organised. They are taking place all over the United Kingdom, from Jersey to Dundee. For entry details telephone 0181 942 9506.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

#### WORD-WATCHING

#### By Philip Howard

FEN a. A dragon b. Part of a canon c. A major scholar at

Emmanuel **GAYDIANG** a. A homosexual party b. A Burmese diacritic C A kind of junk

GROSCHEN a. A large bantam

b. A silver coin c. Duodecimal algebra **FASCET** a. "Let it be done"

b. A Roman rod c. A bottle-carrier Answers on page 46

#### UK Triumph

Grandmaster Jonathan Mestel, resident in Cambridge, but lecturing at Imperial College in London, has scored a triumph by winning the World Problem Solving Championship at Pula in

#### Kasparov's loss

In his record breaking simultaenous display against the Argentine national team. Garry Kasparov lost just one game. In the following encounter Kasparov's attempt to gain counterplay on the queen's flank in a sharp variation of the Sicilian Defence allows White to create weaknesses in that sector.

Black: Kasparov Buenos Aires, September 1997 Sicilian Defence

Bb7

5 Nc3 6 g3 7 Nde2 8 Bg2 9 0-0 10 H3 13 exc5 14 Ng3 15 a3 17 Re1

## KEENE on CHESS

21 Re2

Ne4 Re4 Re7

Ng3

28 Oxb4

#### By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Croatia\_ Mestel has thus achieved the unique feat of gaining the grandmaster title both in overthe-board tournament play and in the realm of problem

Spangenberg deftly surrounds Kasparov's vulnerable points on the left flank and when material losses became inevitable. Kasparov resigned. White: Spangenberg

## No5 Bb7

Nd7

Black resigns Diagram of final position

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#### Speciacular offer

Kirsan Ilumzinov, president of Fide, the world chess federation, who also doubles as president of the autonomous Russian Republic of Kalmykia, has made an amazing offer to support the world chess championship for the next two decades.

He has offered \$50 million

for a World Chess Foundation to be founded in Switzerland to fund the championship for the next 20 years.

#### Times book

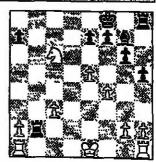
The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing).

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

#### By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Flis - Widera, Puland 1997. Here White came up with an unusual winning move, Can you see it?



Solution on page 46

TELEVISION CHOICE

A new comic triangle

he latest sport for some of our police-men, it seems, is ha-

rassing people for exercising furiously on the

It always used to be said

that one of the great social

values of sport was that it kept

kids off the streets. But you

should try telling that to Tony

Adams or the army of in-line

skaters who hone their hearts.

lungs and legs on the parks

Adams is the Cambridge

cyclist who this week fell foul

of an obscure 150-year-old law

drafted to deal with horsemen

galloping too quickly. He was

prosecuted for "cycling furi-

ously", after police spotted him

in the early hours of the

morning in training for an

attempt on one of the toughest

He was doing about 25mph

in a 30mph zone but, while

drivers could carve him up

without breaking the speed

limit, he was pulled in for

flouting an ancient horse law.

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**BRYANT'S** 

says that he wants to attack

the one-hour record, held by

Chris Boardman, of Britain.

the former Olympic pursuit

champion, who covered 56.38

kilometres (just over 35 miles)

in the Manchester Velodrome

and respected in France,

where the gendarmes would

wave aside the traffic and

cheer any cyclist bold enough

Here, though, Adams faces

up to three months in prison

after refusing to pay the £120

fine slapped on him for offend-

ing the Town Police Clauses

Act of 1847. He was stopped on

to train for a crack at it.

This is a record much envied

a year ago.

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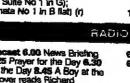
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5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.45 A Boy at the Hogarth Press Jernie Glover reads Richard Karmady's classic memoir (4/5) 8.58 Weether 9.00 News 9.06 Face the Fects, with John Warte 9.30 Look Homeward, Angel. Kim Normanton asks questions of identity and tells stories of culture shock from a child's perspective (2/3) 10.00 News; One Flat Summer (FM), by Dave Sheasby.. With Gerard McDermott as Ken and Gillian Bevan as Margaret (6/6)

Gillian Bevan as Margaret (6/8)

10.00 Daity Service (LW)

10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent, Reports from BBC correspondents around the world

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker

12.25pm Out of Order. See Choice 12.55 Weether

1.90 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

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1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Thursday Afterneon Play; Feestla, by Andy Rattenbury. See Choice

3.00 News; The Afterneon Shift, with Daira Brehan

4.00 News; 4.05 Kaleidoscope, Paul Allen sees a new play. Odysseus Thurno, at the West Yorkshire Playhouse, and reads a history of the British railway.

4.45 Short Story: The World Covered in Gold, by Philip Corker, read by Paul McGann
5.00 PM with Charle Lee-Potter and Chris Lowe
5.50 Shapping Forecast 5.56 Weather

The traditionally twitchy triangle of grandfather. father and son is the basis for Andrew Marshall's new six-part comedy. If you liked his 2point4 Children you should like this even better because. if nothing else, Dad is a vehicle for George Cole, returning to BBC comedy after a gap of 20 years. He plays Brian, the kind of benevolent fusspot we love to hate - the man who never listens, insists he knows all the answers and in fact knows just enough to infuriate his family. Son Allan is played by Kevin McNally with a fine sense of comic timing even though most of what he must do is

Clarke and Hemingway (BBCI, 9.30pm)

only could we have originated in South-East Asia but that Homo erectus (now thought to be a direct ancestor and not an evolutionary dead end) used tools and was capable of travelling from Java (Java-Man) to Australia. This places him at more than one million years old — and the programme has the fossils and much more to prove it. The mevitable sceptics are on hand to mutter through their beards about "inconclusive evidence" but you get carried along with the flow and the implications — that our origins may not be with Mother Africa at all — are breathtaking.

#### BBC1, 9.30pm

"Round The Clock We'll Fix That Lock" is the slogan on Roland's van and Roland himself comes across as a very law-abiding solid citizen — caught to a T by the excellent Warren Clarke, who is ably assisted in the comedy stakes by his gorinless helper Barry (Chris Gascoyne). But Stephen Bill's six-narter is no comedy and as counts earths a six-parter is no comedy and as events evolve a darker, even dangerous side to Roland's character emerges as he takes on the role of a vigilante out to avenge his estranged wife's attack by a burglar. It is the mysterious, masked burglar whose break-ins link each move forward in the plot — a plot which includes Roland and his wife coming together again when their vagrant daughter is found in a hippy commune. Polly Herningway plays Roland's girlfriend.

## wisdom on its ear — and Horizon does it so elegantly. For those who thought that man originated in Africa and gradually spread north, Australian archaeologists, anthropologists and geneticists have got news. Their idea is that not RADIO CHOICE

Out of Order Radio 4, 12-25pm

law is dug up to turn the for a minimum of two hours'

'Adams was

pulled in

for flouting

an ancient

horse law'

exercise a week for children.

and quoted figures saying that

the average youngster now walks 50 miles a year fewer

than a decade ago - and

cycles ten miles a year fewer.

our playing fields sold off, and

with parks covered in "No ball

However, with so many of

games" and "No

skating" signs. it

is no wonder that

the streets be-

come their play-

The police are

rightly worried about safety, but

if we are genu-

inely concerned

about the health

grounds.

sporting prowess of our

young, there must be more safe and dedicated areas for

the bladers, the cyclists and

the runners who are now

forced to share the streets with

There is much talk of vast

sums of National Lottery

money being doled out to

improve the standard of British sport, so why not put some of it into providing off-the-

in-line skating? For all its

trendy image, many might

think it more of a genuine

sport than, say, ballroom

dancing, and anyone who

thinks that it is just a passing fad should be aware that the

first in-line skates appeared in In 1760, Joseph Merlin, a

member of the Dutch Royal

Academy of Sciences and a

maker of musical instruments,

turned up on his wheeled skates in a London ballroom,

playing the violin. As he hurtled towards a large mir-

ror, he discovered that it was

impossible to turn or brake on

his new invention. Merlin survived. The violin and the

Today, if we are going to survive as a nation of players. rather than spectators, we are going to have to supply the sporting facilities for our young, to keep them off the streets. The police might not

like it, but British sport needs a lot more people "exercising

WORD-WATCHING

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(c) A tool used to introduce glass ties into the annealing oven.

Merrett, Nen's Art of Glass.

SOLUTION TO WINNING

CHESS MOVE I 0-0-0! invokes the double threats

Auswers from page 45

JOHN BRYANT

mirror did not.

furiously".

GAYDIANG

GROSCHEN

FASCET

the traffic.

streets into a no-go area for

However, like the Lycra

brigade of bicycle couriers

who tear around the streets of

our cities, the in-line skaters

are one of the few groups who

look like healthy sportsmen in

training. Only small and elite

for cycling too vigorously) to

hold a convention on the

dangers of the sedentary life-

style of the young. Four hundred delegates from schools

and local authorities were

warned that lack of exercise

among school pupils was cre-

ating "an obesity time bomb".

groups of profes-

sional sportsmen

and women can

match them for

strength, co-ordi-

nation and en-

Ironically, the Sports Council

this week chose

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end up in court

Cambridge

durance.

Horizon: Out of Asia

BBC2, 9.25pm

BBC1 8.30pm

The Uninvited

One sector of the schedules that ought not to need the attention of the axe recently sharpened by James Boyle, Controller of Radio 4, is the lunchtime slot during which the audience starts to build ahead of The World at One. The half-hour is populated with several series that have become well established, including Out of Order, returning for its 13th series. The core purpose is simultaneously to illuminate and debunk the wilder shores of political life a nurrouse that meets wilder shores of political life, a purpose that ought to be (and clearly is) in tune with the wishes of the audience. The team captains are again Austin Mitchell the Labour MP, and Michael White, the

stare askance at his father and his own son's (Toby

Ross-Bryantt apparent failure to make contact with the real world. His wife Beryl (Julia Hills) is the

Just when you thought there were no further storylines to be wrung from aliens and outer space along comes Peter Bowker with a straight-faced

account - in four one-hour chunks - of how an alien force just could be infiltrating human society. Not such a new idea until you see the techniques

the "force" uses - such as tipping whole villages into the sea with the miraculous survival of all the villagers, who then begin to rise to positions of eminence in the land. Leslie Grantham, who

supplied the original idea, plays the village cop who now rides high in the police establishment and is apparently chummy with British Nuclear

Power and the Ministry of Defence. Watch for an absolutely mesmerising underwater sequence when the hero of the piece — a nosy photographer played by Douglas Hodge — investigates for himself the mysteries of the village under the sea.

It's lovely when a programme turns accepted

gentle force which binds them all together.

#### RADIO 1

political writer. Guests in the series include Gerald Kaufman. Chris Mullin and Edwina Currie.

7.00mm Mark Radothe Breaklast Show 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley, includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Michy Campbell 4.00 Mark Gooder 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session with Sieve Lamaco Includes music by the Longage and the learner of the Sound City Festival in Oxford 8.30 Move Lipcate A review of the latest cerema releases, with Andrew Mate 8.40 John Peel Live music from the Sound City Festival in Oxford 10.39 Vizry Anne Hobbs 1.00mm Cirve Warren 4.09 Chris Moyles

#### RADIO 2

6.98am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 8.36 Ken-Bauer 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Trover.3.68 Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnne Walker 7.00 Devid Allen's Country Club 8.00 Paul Jones 9.00 The Deniece Williams Show 9.30 The News Huddines With Roy Hudd, June Whitfield and Chris Emmett 10.00 Today's the Day 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Steve Madden 3.09 Alex Lester

5.00est Morning Reports 6.00 The Breaklest Programme 9.06 The Magazine 12.00 Midday 2.00pm Ruscoo on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Edra 7.30 The Ryder Cup Years, in the last of the series. Tony Adamson takes a look at Europe's recent successes in the 70-year-old competition8.00 kraide Edge, Katinyn Robinson with sporting news, including the stories behind the Ryder Cup in Valdenamma 9.00 SportsAmerica with Alton Byrd 9.30 Sportshop 10.00 News Esta with Valerie Sanderson 12.00 After Hours With Paul Hemiott and Shella McClennon 2.00em Up All Night with Rhod Sharp Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO 6.20mm Paul Ross and Carol McGiffen 9.00 Scott Chleholm 12.00 Lorrane Kelly 2.00pm; Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Dealey 7.00 Anna Raebum 8.00 James Whale 1.00mm Ian Collins

Poopy Miller is a young actress new to radio but she plays Lou, the leading role in this intriguing play, with a sureness of touch that suggests more will be heard of her before long. The same could be said for the writer, Andy Rattenbury, whose first radio play this is. The title works nicely in several respects — on several layers, so to speak — for it concerns Lou's return home after ten years abroad and her attempts to unravel the life of her dead father George (Jim Carter), a palaeontologist who has come to haunt Lou's dreams and therefore This and Lous related need to deal with the antipathy of her living family become the keys to unlocking the grisly truth.

Peter Barnard

Thursday Afternoon Play: Fossils

Radio 4, 2.00pm

#### WORLD SERVICE

6.90 ms Newsday 6.30 Europa Today 7.00 News 7.15 World Today 7.39 Mendian Books 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shall 8.30 Corrposer of the Month 9.00 News, News in German (648 only) 8.16 Pause for Thought 9.15 Ext-Pursued by a Bain 9.25 Psychologically Spealing 9.30 Pop the Question 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Home is Where the Hamid is 10.30 BBC English 10.46 Sport 11.00 Newstesk 11.30 Discovery 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Learning World 12.45 Form Cut Own Corresponders 1.00 News; News in German (648 only) 1.05 World Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Record News 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.36 Multitrack X-Press A.00 News 4.05 Sport 4.15 Ext.-Presued by a Bear 4.25 Psychologically Spealing 4.30 John Peet; News in German (648 only) 5.90 Europa Today 6.30 Record News; News in German (648 only) 6.45 News 6.35 World Today 6.30 Record News; News in German (648 only) 6.45 Sport 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 News in German (648 only) 8.45 Sport 7.09 Newsdeek 7.39 Plants of Power 8,00 News Summary 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.39 John Peel 9.09 Newshow 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Britten Today 10.30 Meridian Books 11.05 Newsdeek 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.60 News 12.65em Outlook 12.30 Vintage Chart Show 1.00 Newsdeek 1.30 Est-Pursuad by a Beer 1.40 Pyschologically Speaking 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 The Works 3.09 Newsday 3.36 Focus on Fatth 4.00 News 4.05 Business 4.15 Sport 4.39 Europe Today 5.00 Newsdesk 5.30 Europe Today

#### CLASSIC FM

6.60mm Alan Mann 9.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Listener Request Hour 2.00 Concerto 3.00 James Crick 7.00 Newsinght 7.30 Sonata. Faure (Cello Sonata No 2 in G minor) 8.00 Evening Concert. Includes Weber (Clarinet Concerto No 2 in F minor): Brainns (Nanie); Baritoz (Harold in Raly) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00em Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffins

#### VIRGIN RADIO

7.00em Russ and Jono's Breekfast Expenence 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00em Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 7.90 Nick Abbot' 19.00 Mark Forcest 2.00em Richard Porter

#### RADIO 3

6.00em On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes

6.00em On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Chopin (Nocturre in F sharp minor): Respight (Pines of Rome), Verdi (Overture Un Giorno di Regno); Debussy (Jeux); Bernstein (Overture Candide); Beethoven (String Quartet in D)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore. Includes Boismartier (Concerto in E minor); Schubert (Der Fluchting); Grieg (Lyric Pieces); Liszt (Maceppa)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Nicola Heywood Thomas, uncluding Bech (Double Violin Concerto in D minor); Mozart (Ruhe Santi, Main Holdes Leben, Zaide); Webern (Passacagia); Mendelssohn (String Symphony No 2 in D), Rachmaninov (Prano Concerto No 3 in D minor); Strauss (Melnem Kinde; Frühlingsteier)

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12.00 Composer of the Week: Pizetti, introduced by Susan Sharpe

1.00pm in Repertory. The Times opera critic, Rodney Mänes, talks to the German bartione Franz.

Grundheber about the title role in Berg's Wozzeck.

Featuring a recording of the opera by process with

Grundheber about the title role in Berg's Wazzeck Featuring a recording of the opera he made with Daniel Barenholm conducting

2.00 The BBC Orchestras. Brahms (Variations on a Thene by Haydh): Sheellus (Symphony No 6); Elgar (Cello Concerto in Emitror), conductor Osmo Vanska, Mats Lidstrom, cello. Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 2 in C minor, Little Russian), conductor Martyn Brabbins

4.00 Ensemble. Parmy Gore introduces a recital by Lowif Blake. cello, and Iwan Liewelyn-Jones, plano. Bach (Solo Cello Suite No 1 in G); Mendelssohn (Cello Sonata No 1 in G list) (r)

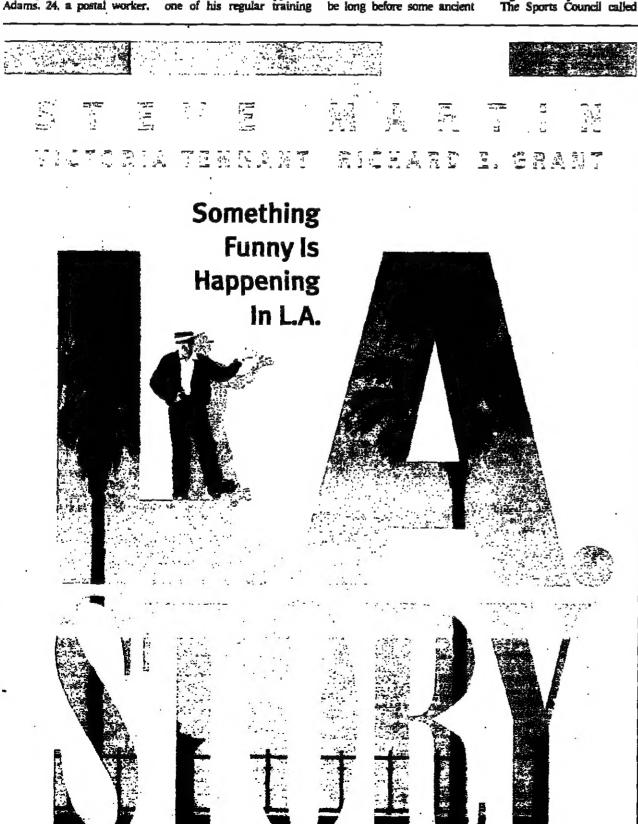
4.45 Music Machine, with Verity Sharp 5.00 in Tune. Sean Raiferty and guests join in the 70th birthday celebrations of Sir Colin Davis, the principal conductor of the London Symphony Orchestre. Includes music from the Boston Symphony Orchestra perfroming Sibelius's

Orchestra. Includes music from the Boston Symphony Orchestra perfronting Sibellus's seventh symphony
7.30 Performance on 3. Live from Huddersfield Town Hall With Louse Winter, mezzo, Nilgel Robson, tenor, Jonathan Summers, bass, English Northern Philhamonia under Paul Dantel. Walfon (Gioria): Hollowsy (Concerto for Orchestra No 2) 8.25 Beeherriz. A story by Panelope Pitzgerald commissioned by Radio 3 and BBC Music Magazine 8.45 Walton (Beishazzar's Feast)
9.40 Postserfipt Wash. To mark 100 years since the birth of William Faulkner's mythical Missessippi 19.00 Music Restored. From the York Early Music Festival introduced by George Pratt. A concert was given last July in the Guildhall, Rose Consort of Viols, Christopher Wilson, fute. Dowland's Lachrimae or Seaven Teares is performed with meditations on the stages of a pointers (2/8)-10.45 Might Waves. Patrick Winght profiles Kurt Vonnegut's new book, Saltinst, which irregimes a world facing a global timequalies in 2001
11.30 Composer of the Weeter Cfementi (r)
12.30ant Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather is joined by the sinde pianist Ralph Sutton.

6.06 Stx O'Clock News
6.30 First Impressions. Pete McCarthy chairs the panel game for impressionists. With Alistair McGowan. Steve Nation and guests Jon Culshaw and Peter Sertinovicz. Recorded at The Pleasance in Edinburgh
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Net Just a Pretty Face. The Miss America pageant and some of the remarkable women who have won the coveted title
8.00 Whitehall and the Boffins. Christopher Harve concludes his investigation into the changing relationship between scientists and politicians since the Second World War (2/2)
8.45 Singular Women. Lesley Joseph recreates her stage role as a person of restricted growth whose performances are under threat (3/4)
9.50 Does He Take Sugar?
9.30 Kalekdoscope (r)
10.00 The World Tenight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Lottering with Intent. Anna Massey reads Murlet Spark's comic novel (4/10)
11.00 Peer on Four. Tapping, by Colin Haydn Evans. A tapping noise has haurited Tom tor thinty years. Bur Janey has a plan (2/5)
11.30 A Poblate in the Pond. Sheena McDoneld talks to Patrick Cox, shoemaker to the stars, about an every from his childhood (r)

11.30 A Petitile in the Pond. Sheena McDonald talks to Parick Cox, shoemaker to the stars, about an event from his chilchood (r)
12.00 News and Weather
12.30em The Late Book: Light in August, by William Faultiner, read by Ed Bishop (4/12)
12.46 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE RADIO 1. FM 97.8-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.8. LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.56am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRIGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO. MW 1053, 1093. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamars.



Adams has little alternative but to train for his record attempt on the roads, while in-line skating is another sport poorly catered for

Cyclists find nowhere to ride

hours of the morning, prompt-

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train for his record attempt on

the roads, where in Britain can

For a country that has

probably the poorest provision

of dedicated cycling paths in

Europe, it is remarkable that

Britain produces any competi-

tive cyclists. They are not alone

among would-be sportsmen

and women who are attracting

the hostile attention of the

authorities because they have

The most hated are in-line

skaters, of whom there are

now millions worldwide. In

the United States, they rule the

parks, in London the pave-

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There are plenty who would

The speed of in-line skaters

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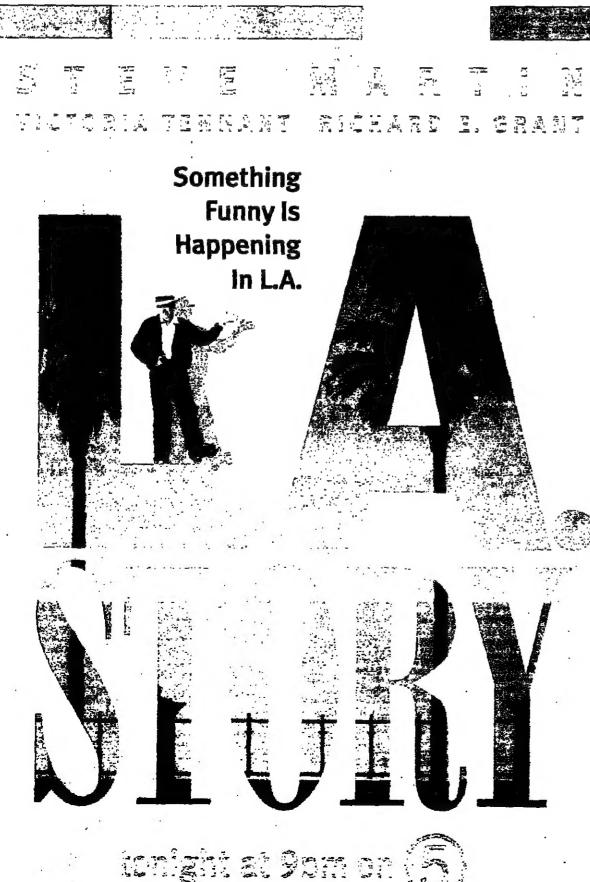
has been a lobby to restrict or

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# Sea-faring yarn unravels before our eyes

shrinks from a scheduling challenge, because it cer-tainly acred bravely in interrupting the flow of last night's two-hour drama, The Ebb Tide, halfway through. By handing over to News At Ten midway, ITV gave us a chance to pause, to reflect and then to surprise ourselves by the unfamiliar conclusions we had reached. Principally, the conclusion that even news highlights of the Liberal Democrats' annual conference in Eastbourne can seem magnetic it all depends what you're comparing them to. Since terday happened to be the day of the party leader's conference speech, we also appreciated that even someone as imaginitive as Spielberg would find it tough to match Paddy Ashdown when it comes to portraying a fantastical

witches us by its audicty. And The Ebb Tide wasn't even Spielberg. Let's be positive: if you have ever lost sleep at night, worrying about why this Robert Louis Stevenson short story hadn't yet been turned into a television drama, at least now you know the answer.

The Ebb Tide was a slight story made slighter — paradoxically — by the fact that someone had decided to make a big fuss about it. It withered under the hot lights of attention. Having spotted Robbie Coltrane being interviewed on television the other day, and learnt that he had a passionate interest in the workings of all kinds of engines, you might assume he would have searched out the motor driving this film. Did he ever locate it? To me, it all seemed as gripping as loose knicker elastic. Coltrane is rarely less than engaging. He served ably enough

as Captain Chisholm, who sails a

decrepit ship from the Caribbean

towards Australia, with a dubious cargo of vintage champagne. But Coltrane didn't seem as sharp as he has been in the roles - most recently Fitz in Cracker - that presumably led to his being of-fered this part in the first place.

r maybe he was embarrassed by the script, which clunked every time it clicked the plot forward. "Est-ce que tu as une famille?". Captain Chisholm was asked one evening, out of the blue, by a black galleyslave who had just delivered Chisholm's supper to him on deck. "Do I have a family? Ooh yes,"

replied Chisholm as he launched into one of those expository speeches that sound as natural as Margaret Thatcher singing Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey? "Yes, I've got a wee girl called Adar. Her mother named her that.

Her mother Fiona. She came from the Hebridean islands off the west

REVIEW

Joe Joseph

coast of Scotland, You don't understand a word I'm saying, son, do you." No he doesn't, but don't let that stop you, cap'n. It didn't.

"Adar. It wasn't a name I'd heard of either till that wee girl was born. A bonny thing she was, too. She had red hair from her mother, cascading down her body like waves. A wee angel ... " Oh, you get the picture. You half expected, him to say, as your history master used to: "You may take notes if you wish." old now." OK everyone, you can put your notebooks down again.

Things go wrong when Chis-holm discovers that the champagne bottles are empty, that the hull is rotten, and that he has been gulled into captaining the vessel as part of some insurance fraud.

Coltrane locks himself in his cabin and gets blind drunk. Why? Luckily, Chisholm's wastrel of a sidekick Billy Bunch was on hand to enlighten us: "This is exactly what happened before, when he went mad . . . his daughter and his wife took it all. Maybe they shouldn't have been at sea with him together. Anyway, the baby recovered, but his wife died. I've never seen a man go mad with grief. After she died, he drank himself mad. Then, we ran aground. Chisholm was blind drunk. Twenty-seven people lost their lives. The wee baby girl survived. She's back in Scotland

now. Adar. She must be five years

f you can believe it, things then got even worse. "That cloud does not look good," said the galley slave. This was an understatement. It looked like God had spilt a year's supply of Quink black ink over a large slice of the sky.

This was another piece of dra-matic shorthand, alerting you to the fact that it was safe to go and make a cup of coffee because the next few minutes would be taken up with the ship being tossed around like a Pooh stick going down the Colorado rapids. Chisholm and his crew were

supposed to be 2,000 miles from any land. But as dawn broke it turned out that they were 500 yards from an island, now deserted but for a spooky. Kurtz-like figure with a large hoard of pearls and a wardrobe of dapper cream linen suits: a sort of Kurtz-Lite.

that: various people got killed, and it all had something to do with Chisholm's search for redemption, but it was hard to care who had survived and who hadn't. Coltrane is a big man who needs a meaty meal to sink his teeth into: The Ebb Tide was a snack.

It was the capstone to a long evening of improbable television. In Animal People (BBCl) we saw penguins in the suburbs of Wellington, New Zealand, which have become so used to city life that they now waddle out of the sea and into the local discotheque when they fancy waggling their bottoms to actual music. Nobody stops them. The narrator of There's A Penguin In The House was Peter Sallis, whose distinctive voice we previously heard on Nick Park's animated penguin escapade, The Wrong Trousers. Presumably, an in-joke. But still not as funny a joke as those madcap Lib Dems.

BEN WEST BEGINNERS 6.00am Business Breakfast (60944) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (98783835) 9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (2621632) 9.30 Style Challenge (1469632) 9.55 Kilrov (T) (5418293)

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10.35 Change That (1508019) ,11.00 News (T) and weather (4870187) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (9810106) 11.35 Room for improvement (2481108) 12.00 News (T) and weather (6340309) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (9548800) 12.35 Going for a Song (9524361)

1.00 News (T) and weather (16309) 1.30 Regional News (T) (17428187) 1.40 The Weather Show (87203800) 1.45 Neighbourn (T) (77154380) 2.10 Quincy (r) (6299629)

3.00 Through the Keyhole (7882748) 3.25 The Really Useful Show Update

3.30 Funnybones (7270800) 3.35 Playdays (8196108) 3.55 The Silver Brumby (8190922) 4.20 Mr Wyml (2683187) 4.35 Cartoon Critters (6695564) 5.90 Newsround (T) (9927800) 5.10 Byker Grove (T) (5996496)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (158038) 6.00 News (T) and weather (545) 6.30 Regional News (125)

7.00 Watchdog with Anne Robinson Why a non-stop car alarm is driving neighbours round the bend, and the manufacturers who overcharge for car parts (1) (8729)

7.30 EastEnders A bit of detective work puts Pauline on to an important find, Mary's cover could be blown if Sean's discovery becomes widely known. Ruth and Conor leave the families problems behind when they take Lucy fishing (T) (309) 8.00 Animal Hospital New series presented

by Rolf Harris (T) (7477)

B.30 Ded New comedy series with George Cole and Kevin.
McNelly, Alan Hook wornes what to buy his son for his 18th birthday (1) (9212) 9.00 News (T) and weather (5854)

The Locks drama with Warren Clarke and Chris Gascoyne. An ordinary man of viciously attacking his estranged wife (T) (304598)

10.20 QED: Challenging Children Profile of gifted four-year-old Chantelle Coleman (T) (713309)

11.00 Question Time David Dimbleby presides as a London studio audience questions the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, Anne Widdecombe, MP, Liberal Democrat agriculture spokesman Charles Kennedy, and Rosie Boycott,

Independent On Sunday (1) (126854) 12.05am Face of a Stranger (1991) with Gena Rowlands and Tyne Daly. A rich sociatite is left suddenly penniless when her husband dies. She betriends a "bag lady" across the street and the two draw comfort from their friendship. Directed by Claudia Weill (594065) 1.40 Weather (2692201)

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6.00am Open University: Stress (4408835) 6.25 Missing the Meaning? (T) (4410670) 6.50 Jamaica and the Sea (5218670) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (4358090)

7.30 The Adventures of Skippy (r) (8456767)
7.55 Blue Peter (r) (7) (5451545) 8.20
Mouse and Mole (T) (7006800) 8.30
Johnson and Friends (7246090) 8.35
Teletubbies (1033835) 9.00 Carloon (486383) 9.10 Numbertime (4850019) 9.25 Megamaths (3826125) 9.45 Come Outside (9548361) 10.00 Teletubbies (68274) 10.30 Storytime (3767564) 10.45 The Experimenter (8924495) 11.05 Space Ark (4884380) 11.15 Zig Zag (2024212) 11.35 English File (2498496) 11.55 Lifeschool (2492212) 12.20pm Showcase (6342767)

12.30 Working Lunch (74748)

1.00 Barney (73434583) 1.05 Monty (73433854) 1.10 The Craft Hour (5185516) 2.10 Wildlife on Two (r) (31471632) 2.40 News (T) (1885816) 2.45 Match of the Seventies (r) (T) (3736019) 3.25 News (T) (4765800) 3.30 Real Rooms. Reviving the splendour of an Edwardian dining room (903) 4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (598) 4.30 Going, Going, Gone (6694835) 4.55 Eathe (4944926) 5.30 Today's the Day (274) 6.00 Deep Space Nine (T) (902583)

6.45 The O Zone A round-up of the top sounds from this year's music festivals

7.00 Open to Question Young people put their questions on devolution to Peter Mandelson (T) (9699)

7.30 Leviathan David Walter asks David Steel, John Biffen and Roy Hattersley whether the stage-managed party conferences of today can capture the spontaneous drama of yesteryear (T) (651)

8.00 The Air Show The spectacular approach
to Kal Tak airport in Hong Kong; and
passenger planes which act as cargo
carriers (T) (5019) WALES: Anchors

8.30 Top Gear The new Jaguar V8 XJ; Aston Martin Vantage; Mercedes SLK and Porsche Boxster (T) (7854)



Dr Lesley Head at work (9.25pm)

9.25 Horizon: Out of Asia New research into the origins of mankind (T) (378564)

10.15 Volcano Stories (750632) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (489090) 11.15 Late Review (291187) 12.00 Weather (3009341) 12.05am Duckman (3208881)

12.30 Learning Zone: International Enterprise (59423) 1.00 A Question of Evidence (30959) 1.30 Psychology in Action (79336) 2.00 Understanding Organisations (23317) 4.00 The French

## HTV

6.00am GMTV (7264651) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (2627816) 9.55 Regional News (1184477) 10.00 The Time, the Place (82800)

10.30 This Morning (T) (18985380) 12.20pm Regional News (6339293) 12.30 News (T) and weather (9527458)

12.55 Shortland Street (9535477) 1.25 Home and Away (7) (58269038) 1.50 Remote Control Cooking (7) (77160941) 2.20 Vanessa (75487922) 2.50 The Natural Health Show (6839651) 3.20 News (T) (4866583)

3.25 Regional News (4865854) 3.30 Potamus Park (1442800) 3.40 Wizadora

(7358632) 3.50 The Adventures of Davide (1526816) 4.05 Srug and Cozi (3643545) 4.15 Hey Amoldi (T) (4695564) 4.40 Animal Ark (T) (7285651) 5.10 A Country Practice (2434632) 5,36 Crimestoppers (879545)

5.40 News (T) and weather (317854) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (168941) 6.25 HTV Weather (676372) 6.30 HTV News (T) (293) 7.00 Emmerdale Flona suggests there is an

end in sight for Will's trauma (T) (6125) 7.30 WALES: Whatever Happened to the Opera House? (477) 7.30 The Big Story: Angels on the Edge Following a group of nurses, day and night, as they go about their work (477)

8.30 Clive James on TV Clive James takes a fond look back at some of the most memorable moments of British television.

8.00 The Bill Beech is about to lose his cool



Lesile Grantham investigates (9.00)

9.00 The Uninvited The first episode in a tour-part, science-fiction thriller. With Douglas Hodge and Leslie Grantham (T) (7564)

10.00 Political Broadcast: Labour (I) 10.05 News (T) and weather (221545) 10,35 Regional News (879729) 10.45-12.55am WALES: The Ferret (765922)

11.20 Celtic Fists (T) (807632) 11,55 The Big Story (297361) 12.25 Wacky Weekly World News (3260423) 10.45 The West This Week (248670) 11.35 Frieze Frame (T) (743125)

11.50 Swift Justice (342380) 12.40am Sound Bites (5280794) 12.55 The LADS (T) (3605591) 1.25 Profiles: Wet Wet Wet (8604666) 1.55 Ed's Night Party (4186510) 2.20 Late and Loud (r) (7611626) 3.15 Waterlines (r) (T) (89188539) 3.40 Good Sex Guide (r) (2935355) 4.35 Time, the Place (r) (31235404) 5.00 Garden Calendar (T)

#### CENTRAL

As HTV West except 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9535477) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2434632) 6.25 Central News (143632) 10.45 Film: Strays (86239477) 12.25am Alfred Hitchcock Presents

12.45 Planet Mirth (89794) 1.15 Rockmania (5632775) 2.10 Planet Rock Profiles (9245046) 2.35 God's Gift (8854268) 3.30 Late and Loud (52065)

4.30 Central Jobfinder '97 (4233171)

5.20 Asian Eye (1911046)

#### WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.55 Home and Away (4250090) 1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (33884449) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2434632) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (79293) 10.45 Special Report (765922) 11.20 Power Game (500187)

11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (231584)

#### METUDIAN

As HTV West except: 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2434832) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (941) 6.30-7.00 Big Day Out (293) 19.45 Film: Bullitt (93725748) 5.00am Freescreen (17510)

#### MGM

As HTV West except: 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9535477) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2434632) 6.23 Anglia Weather (226831) 6.25 Anglia News (143632) 6.55-7.00 What's On (678570) 10.45 Cover Story (756274) 11.25 Streetwise (242651)

12.50am Sound Bites (5145046)

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Starts: 7.00em The Big Breakfast (99632) 9.00 Ysgolion (826309) 11.30 Here's One | Made Earlier (6729) 12.00 Sesame Street (58212)

12.30pm Baby Baby (69316) 1.00 Slot Melthrin (83791361) 1.15 Wil Cwac Cwac (83796816) 1.30 Mark Tulty's Faces of India (68187) 2.00 Film: Five Fingers (4477)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (106) 4.30 The Feel Good Factor (390)

5.60 5 Pump (4903) 5.30 Countdown (670) 6.00 Newyddion (508545)

6.10 Heno (984187) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (176800) 7.25 Prvd O Dafod (521187)

8.00 Y Jocars (4877) **8.30 Newyddion (2922)** 

9.00 Meca (8564) 9.30 Saving the Spoonbill (72380) 10.00 Film: Married to it (73260125) 12.05am Short Stories: Life Savers

12.35-1.20 Films on Fire: How Far Home? (9657133)

#### CHANNEL 4

5.55am Sesame Street (94274) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (99632)

9.00 Schools: History in Action (3809458)
9.20 Geographical Eye (T) (3812922)
9.40 The Maths Programme (T)
(9337106) 10.00 Middle English (T) (7659854) 10.15 La Petit Monde de Pierre (7649477) 10.30 Scientific Eye Special (T) (8929941) 10.50 Film and Video Showcase (8916477) 11.10 The

Spanish Programme (2027309) 11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Tomato and basil tert; squash, mushrooma, courgeties; chocolate yoghurt scones (T) (5729) 12.00 Sesame Street (58212) 12.30pm Baby Baby (69816) 1.00 Light Lunch (r) (97699) 2.00 Frisian Dream

(11228125) 2.10 The Westerner (1940, b/w) with Gary Cooper and Walter Brennan, Western drama about a cowhand who becomes involved in a range war between homesteaders and cal by William Wyler (T) (140458)

4.00 Fifteen-te-One (1) (106) 4.30 Countdown (T) (6689903) 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (6649354) 5.30 Absolutely Animals (r)

6.25 Fresh Pop (476354) 6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap (T) (835) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (920309)

6.00 Boy Meets World (T) (166583)

7.50 Music of the Millennium Ashdown's favourite music (955019) 8.00 Krit Equation One of the smallest and possibly most important ocean creatures (T) (4877)

8.30 Feast Includes information on food labelling (5/8) (T) (2922) 9.00 Films of Fire: The Dying of the Light Brian Patten attacks ageism (1)

9.45 Pond Life (r) (T) (707380)

10.00 Secret History: The Whitechapel Murders investigating the Jack the Ripper murders using contemporary forensic skills (r) (T) (8293)



Director Melvin Van Peebles (11.00)

11.00-2.20am The Ba Ba Zee: Classified X A season devoted to the black experience begins with the director Melvin Van Peebles on the history of the black character in American cinema (19496) 12.00 Sweet Sweetback's Band Assass
Song (1971) A black stud cuts up rough
when he sees two white policemen

harassing a black youth, Directed by Melvin Van Peebles (139152) 1.50am Runnin' Man Melvin Van Paebles reflects on his career (4176133). 2.20 Seven Sins Envy (r) (8837591)

2.55 Magic or Medicine? (r) (T) (8856626) 3.55 The Vision Thing (r) (T) (97089591) 4.25 The American Football Big Match (r)

## CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE

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Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel tree of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10,92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00am 5 News Early (7073748) 7.30 USA High (r) (5237729)

8.00 Havakazoo (5611831) 8.30 WideWorld A look at Comwall's commitment to attract more visitors

9.00 Espresso (7515293) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (6796748) 10.30 Instant Gardens (r) (2661516)

11.00 Leeza Chet show hosted by Leeza Gibbons (1133854) **11,50** Double Espresso (69455670) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (I)

12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (9642748)

1.00 5 News Updata (85709670) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (8318922) 2.00 5's Company (8369583) 3.30 I Love You Perfect (1989) with Susan Dey and Anthony John Denison. A fact-based drame about a young woman who,

terminal cancer diagnosed, Harry Winer directs (8479699) 5.20 5's Company: Lete Extra (11950309)

5.30 Move on Up (1) (9868125) 8.90 100 Per Cent Game show without a host (9865038)

6.30 Family Affairs Holly tells Susie a secret about her schooldays (T) (9849090) 7.00 Exclusive Featuring an interview with Tim

Roth (8821361) 7.39 Dragon's Tale: Life Preserver A wildlife

documentary about the kapok tree and its fibres (T) (9845274)

8.00 Tine Car Show Motoring magazine presented by Manella Prostrup and Tristram Payne (8847309) 8.38 5 News (T) (8826816)



9.00 LA Story (1991) A comedy written by and starring Steve Martin, about everyday lite in today's Los Angeles. Also with Victoria Tennant and Richard E. Grant. Directed

by Mick Jackson (96213699) 10.50 The Jack Docherty Show (2663309) 11.35 Meirose Place (r) (i) (7375903)

12.30am Live and Dangerous Sports mage-zine presented by Dominik Diamond and Shelley Webb Includes soccer action from the Brazilian National League and the US Major League (34450881) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco with Kari Malden (T) (6298794)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (7490930)

• For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see Vision, published on Saturday

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8.00am Morring Giory (200632) 9.90 Registed Morring Giory (200632) 9.90 Registed Registed Let (71835) 10.00 Another World (30303) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (50767) 12.00 Oprah Winfrey (21125) 1.00pan (6229) 4.00 Oprah Winfrey (21108) 8.00 Sathy Jessy Reptatel (16835) 3.00 Jenny Jones (42899) 4.00 Oprah Winfrey (21108) 8.00 Sath Trick The Nead Generation (5274) 6.00 The Live 6 Slow (1564) 8.39 Married...with Children (2816) 7.00 The Sampsons (6903) 7.30 Mr-ASSH (8800) 8.00 Suddenly Susan (5651) 8.30 The Namy (1458) 9.80 Seinfield (10090) 9.30 Mad About You (27854) 10.00 Chicago Hope (64309) 11.00 Star Trek The Nead Generation (31632) 12.00 Late Show with Devid Letterman (51978) 1.00am Hill Mo Lung Play (2632084)

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# Keegan given chance to lead Fulham revival

By MATT DICKINSON

MOHAMED AL FAYED has served notice that money is no object in his ambitious attempt to turn Fulham from a corner shop into the Harrods of English football by attempting to lure Kevin Keegan behind the counter. The Nationwide League second divi-sion club is hoping to make an announcement today that the former Newcastle United manager, who has been out of the game since January, would join it on a part-time

Nor are the changes likely to stop there. Micky Adams, the manager, was a surprise ab-sentee as Fulham played Wolverhampton Wanderers in a Coca-Cola Cup secondround, second-leg tie at Molineux last night, where his assistant, Alan Cork, took charge of the first team. Adams's absence fuelled speculation that Ray Wilkins, presently coaching at Crystal Palace, had already been lined up as a replacement to work under Keegan.

Adams is understood to have declined to travel to Wolves after seeking clarification about his future. He led the team to promotion last

to be replaced by Wilkins. whose last spell in charge of a team was with Queens Park Rangers a year ago. Eight months ago, Keegan walked out of St James' Park,

turning his back on the job he claimed was the best in football, and most observers believed that he had walked out of the game for good. He recently contacted Al Fayed to seek backing for a Midlandsbased theme park based around football, and it was then that the Egyptian tycoon brought up the idea of the former England striker becoming involved with Fulham. Keegan was a guest in Al Fayed's executive box at Craven Cottage last week for the first leg of the Wolves match.

Luring Keegan would be a genuine coup for Al Fayed, who has been typically forth-right about his intentions of leading the second division side into the FA Carling Premiership, and is evidently willing to back his claims with millions of pounds in funding. Keegan would act as a magnet to attract leading players. enabling Fulham to compete strongly in the transfer market even from the relative depths



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Al Fayed has already pledged to spend £20 million refurbishing Craven Cottage and promotion to the first division this season would oblige him to turn the ground, which holds fewer than than 15,000 supporters, into an allseat stadium. Redevelopment plans are restricted, however, because of the listed status on the Stevenage Road Stand facade and the cottage itself. Archi-tects have already examined ambitious ways to redevelop the site, including the possibility of a huge car park under

the pitch to cope with the swelling crowds. Having invested £300 million in Harrods and £100 million in renovating the Ritz Hotel, Al Fayed is not likely to balk at the rebuilding costs of Fulham, for whom he has developed a real affection since taking over this summer. His plans for the club include

developing a large community

The Egyptian has sought project from Professor Sir Rowland Smith, the chairman of Manchester United's plc. but he has some distance to go before achieving his aim of turning Fulham into the Manchester United of the

They presently lie eleventh in the second division, with 11 points from their opening eight games. Al Fayed is hoping to use Keegan's experiences at Newcastle where, with £16 million of backing, he lifted the alub from the hottom. lifted the club from the bottom of the old second division to the top of the Premiership in five years. Since leaving Newcastle on January 8, business interests including his horse racing venture and he has bought extra land on the estate owned by Sir John Hall, who is soon to step down as Newcastle chairman. He has spent a lot of time working on an autobiography. which is due out next month.



## Martin fails to take the strain

FROM JOHN HOPKINS GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN VALDERRAMA

FINALLY, it came down to a brief handshake, a gallery of downward glances and the uncomfortable shuffling of feet Miguel Angel Martin's Ryder Cup career began and ended yesterday with a stagemanaged show of solidarity that did little to soothe the troubled waters of Valder-

Sporting the Europe team's latest outfit. Martin attempted to mingle with his colleagues as they lined up for official photographs, but the awkwardness engendered by the affair guickly manifested itself in a series of strained smiles and a sudden aversion to eye

For Martin, who was denied his rightful place on the team

after refusing to prove his fitness after a wrist injury, the reservoir of goodwill soon ran dry. He would not, he said, be staying to watch the match. "I shall go home to Madrid and watch the match on tele-vision," he said. "I do not feel like being at the Ryder Cup."

It was just one more contradiction. Earlier, the Ryder Cup committee - the body responsible for Martin's exclusion issued a statement saying: 'Miguel Angel Martin has been invited to attend the match and related events in his capacity of non-playing member and he has welcomed the chance to play this role with the team."

At one stage Martin had even stood side-by-side with Ken Schofield, the executive director of the PGA European Tour and a member of the Ryder Cup committee. It was



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hardly a match made in heaven though, and Martin later admitted that the whole episode could have been handled with more dignity. "Ken, Severiano [Ballesteros, the Europe team captain and I should have got around a table and got it resolved," he said. "That would have been

The Spaniard has considerable support from rank-andfile players, who feel that the committee acted with unseemly haste in allocating his place to José María Olazábal, who finished eleventh, one place behind him, in the Ryder Cup points table.

At a meeting of the players' Tournament Committee at the Forest of Arden last week, they criticised the decision to drop Martin from the team and said it was up to the player concerned to decide his fitness.

Yesterday, though, it was apparent that whatever the 12 players who will defend Europe's honour this week think about the rights and wrongs of the case, their sense of purpose leaves little room distraction.

## Celtic are denied fee for **Collins** transfer

CELTIC were left dismissed last night after learning that they will not receive a see for their former midfield player.

John Collins, Fifa, footballs, world governing body, had been expected to reveal a decision later this week full last night informed Celtic that last night informed Celtic that their appeal has be

Collins left Celtic Park for AS Monaco last year under the Bosman ruling, but Celtic. disputed the free transfer. Fergus McCann, the Scottish club's managing director, ap-pealed to Fifa, arguing that Monaco is a principality, not part of the European Union. The club wanted Fifa's back-

ing in their attempt to secure around £2 million for Collins. After the ruling, Celtic plan in discuss with legal experts whether they have grounds for further appeal.

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An important aspect of the Fifa decision that Celtic are anxious to resolve is that are Scottish Football Association (SFA) appear to have delayed passing on the club's appeallee.In a statement, the club said: "We are surprised and disappointed the appeal to Fifa in this case has been rejected. The rejection is based on the apparent late arrival of the appeal fee from the SFA. We are investigating this key aspect of the matter.

We are surprised on two counts: 1) Why were Celtic not advised of any problem regarding the SFA's late paying last December 2 despite continuous dialogue since then and two meetings in Switzer land? 2) Why has Fifa company of the problem of the problem of the problem of the problem. mented on the merits of our case when it also states it is unable to examine Celtic's argument in detail, which should be fundamental to any statement by them? We are considering our position with our advisers."

The club added there would be no further statement until these matters can be discussed with the parties involved. Meanwhile, Collins's agent. Ray Sparkes, moved quickly to defuse reports that the player may now be surplus to requirements at the French club coached by Jean Tigana. Sparkes said: John is now

back in the Monaco side after injury and this has happily coincided with the reviving fortunes of the team."

## Spurs do not deny Ravanelli deal

but Fulham are hopeful that

he could soon be adding

another chapter.

TOTTENHAM Hotspur refused to confirm that they were trying to sign Fabrizio Ravanelli on a £42,000-aweek, three-month loan deal last night, but his agent in England did reveal that the Italy striker's future would be settled shortly. Gerry Francis, the Totten-

ham manager, is struggling to cope with an injury crisis, even though Chris Armstrong made his comeback at Bolton Wanderers last night and Les Ferdinand could be fit for the game against Wimbledon on Saturday. "I never talk about other club's players," Francis

The manager was nevertheless locked in talks with the Tottenham operations manag-er, Daniel Sugar - son of Alan Sugar, the dub chairman - before the Bolton game and seems sure to have asked if Middlesbrough could be contacted about Ravanelli. Later yesterday. Daniel

Sugar said: "There is nothing we want to say at the moment If and when there is something to announce, we will let

However, Pino Paglari, Ravanelli's representative, said: "I think there is something in it. I think we are about 24 hours from the finalisation, the outcome." Keith Lamb, the Middles-



Francis: inquiries

brough chief executive, was believed to be holding talks with Alan Sugar in a London hotel yesterday afternoon after watching the team win a Coca-Cola Cup tie at Barnet on Tuesday night. After that game, Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, had said: "There are a couple of clubs interested in signing Fabrizio. We had a meeting with him earlier in the week and now he will talk to them

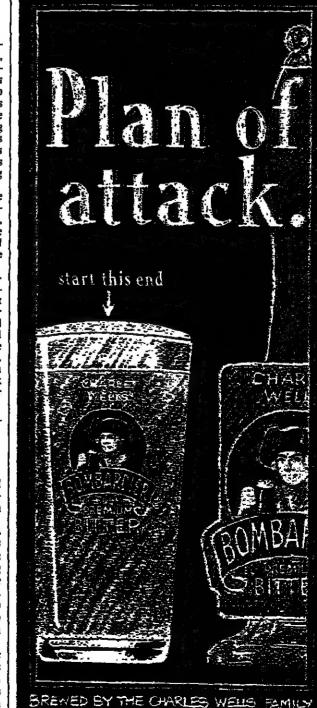
and a decision will be made. I can't say who the clubs are." Meanwhile, Francis said: "We have lodged inquiries with several clubs about several players and it may be important that we take somebody, perhaps on a loan deal, to tide us over until Les. Chris and Steffen Iversen are back.

"It is not only those we are missing. Rory Allen and Paul McVeigh are also injured. Paul Mahorn, who has been playing up front, is about sixth-choice." Armstrong, he added, is "still a long way from being fully fit".

ate to off-load Ravanelli, who, in a troubled season on Teesside, has criticised the club's training facilities, flown to Italy for treatment to injuries and refused to discourage reports of other clubs wanting to sign him. Robson still needs to buy new players but is waiting until the Ravanelli's future is settled before seeking

more money. A loan deal could now be the only solution for the club with the hope that they will, eventually, recoup most of the E7.5 million that they paid Juventus for him before the start of last season.

Frank Clark, the Manchester City manager, yester-day suggested that he has yet to receive any sort of offer for Uwe Rösler, his unsettled German forward. Reports had suggested that Everton were prepared to offer Earl Barrett, a defender, and £500,000 in exchange for Rösler, but Clark said: "We have yet to hear from any club."



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## Lottery delay slows Britain's challenge

By JOHN GOODBODY

NONE of the Great Britain competitors has yet received National Lottery funding to prepare for the Winter Olympics in February. Athletes are having to dig into their financial reserves with the start of the games in Nagano, Japan, four months away.

Many of the delegates, from the 37 summer and winter sports, to the British Olympic Association (BOA) annual general meeting in London yesterday criticised the funding arrangements that were announced last November because most of the money still has not been delivered to the competitors.

unnecessarily bureaucratic and

four home countries' sports councils having entirely different distribution systems for revenue applications operated under identical legislation.

Reedie added: "I believe that some of

the contractual obligations being placed upon governing bodies as a consequence of their lottery award to be both unrealistic and unnecessary."

men and women who are suffering. Dr Bob Price, of the British Paralympic Association, said the same problems affected prospective competitors at the Paralympics, which follow the ablebodied games in Nagano.

Bobsleigh Association, said that al-

though his sport, short-track skating and curling had had their applications accepted, the money had yet to get through to the competitors.

widespread disillusionment just at the time when competitors should be feeling better." Money has stopped for most elite athletes from the Sports Aid Foundation. This independent body which, since 1976 has raised private finance to help competitors, is now concentrating on supporting talented youngsters.

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Craig Reedie, the chairman of the BOA. said: "We find the process of distribution of lattery funds to both governing bodies and to athletes to be

He said there can be no sense in the

It is not only the able-bodied sports-

Paul Pruszynski, of the British

Gavin Stewart, who chairs the BOA athletes commission, said: "There is

Derek Casey, chief executive of the English Sports Council, said: "In less than a year we have allocated \$20 million (about £12.5 million) in the world class performance programme to 15 sports, a total of 560 competitors and 460 have actually got the money in their hands."